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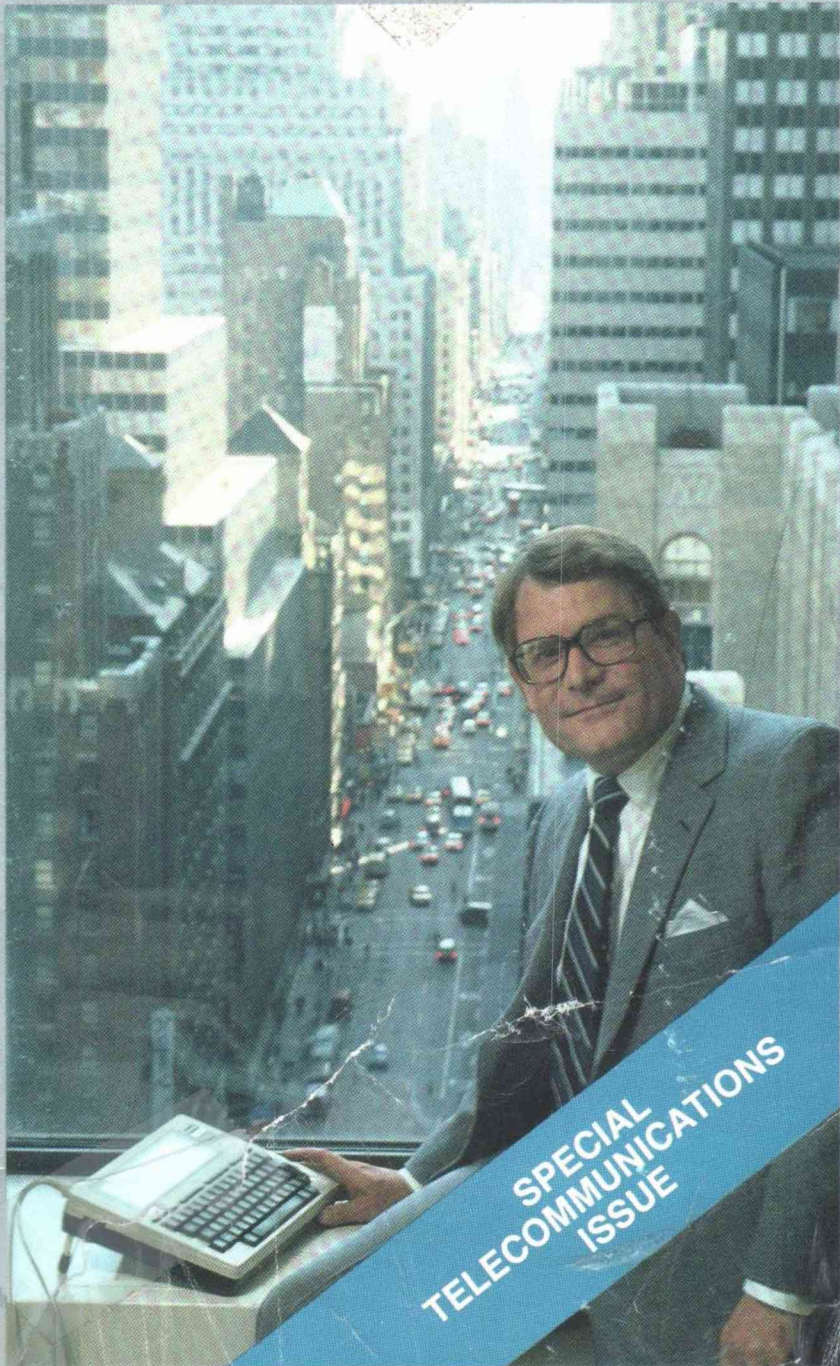
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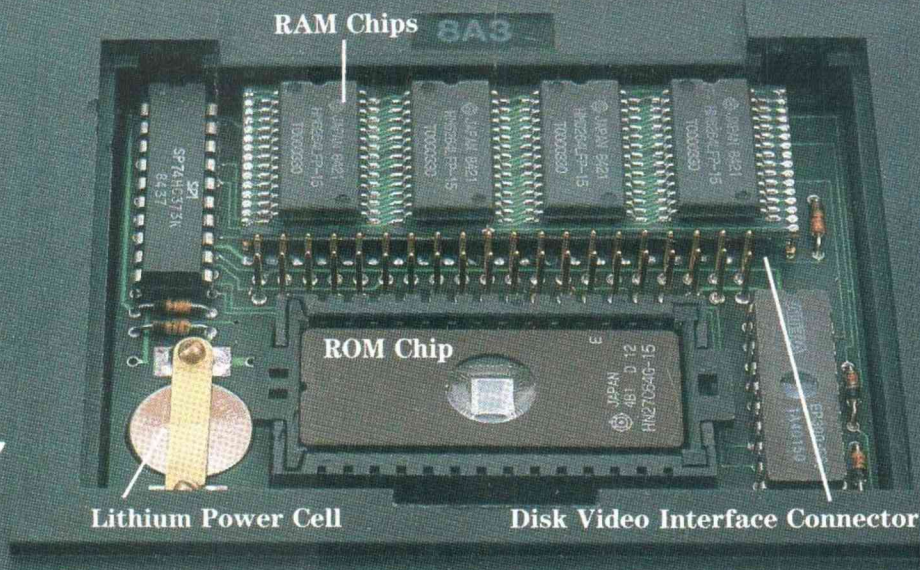
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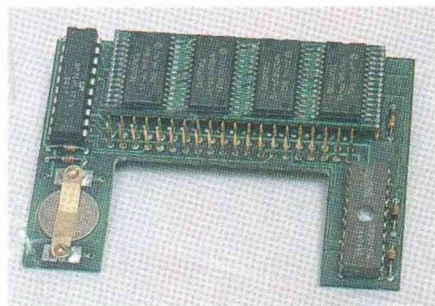


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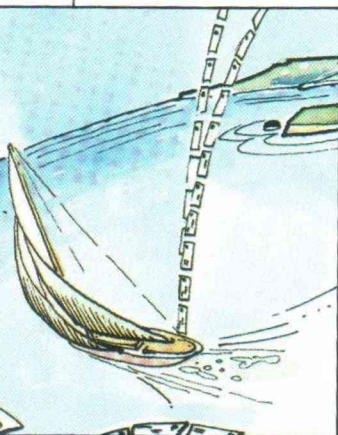
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ROM WITH A VIEW

When Tandy introduced the 200, dismay characterized the reception by some who had anticipated more. More crunching power. More usable user memory. Bigger screen. MS-DOS compatibility. After all, the Model 100 had been nothing short of revolutionary when it was introduced. But the Tandy 200 was not ordained to cause a revolution nor destined to set a standard to challenge the industry. It would not be the *enfant terrible* that the 100 had been.

Among third-party support vendors (software and peripherals suppliers) there's been some grumbling about the 200's shortcomings. It's even been suggested that commercial software programmers might not provide product for the new machine. (It should be noted that none of the major players in portable software are saying this, but are instead busily preparing product for market.)

I happen to be one of those rare birds who think Tandy may be more right than wrong in its approach. The great hue and cry in the industry today is for market-driven development, rather than technology for technology's sake. Mark Eppley, president of Traveling Software, in a guest editorial in our premiere issue of Data General Micro World, says it best: "...a remarkable technological advancement and a nickel won't always buy a cup of coffee." Magazines about the technology — such as this one — tend to judge everything we see by a "Gosh, Mr. Wizard" standard that puts everything to a cutting-edge-of-technology test. Rarely does profitability ride on the cutting edge.

It was explained to me by a Tandy insider that the 200 partly grew out of the objections to the 100 made by corporate buyers and that the 200's enhancements efficiently and adequately correct the 100's more serious shortcomings.

If Tandy performed a true formal market study, then that should be applauded. If, to the contrary, Tandy developed a product that is neither up-to-date with standards the industry has grown to embrace *and* no thorough market analysis backs up that product, that's a different story that leaves us a little weak in the knees.

It also may have been unwise on Tandy's part to place a laptop on the market with a design limitation. Senior technical editor J.D. Hildebrand explains that "The 200's auxiliary ROM socket duplicates a Model 100 design peculiarity. The pin-outs don't match the pin assignments on standard EPROMs and EEPROMs. Firmware developers have to design special carriers that reroute the signals. This potentially makes ROMs scarcer and more expensive."

Incidentally, Hildebrand prepared that simple answer on a 200 which arrived at these offices a day earlier. So what's he think of it so far? "It may be all the computer I'll ever need. Beginning today, I've switched over to a Tandy 200 completely for all my writing and editing. I was using a 1000 with a color monitor. Now I just press a button and start editing. I never have to boot the system or format a disk. It's great!"

We've said it before here, but we'll say it again: We operate under the ponderous philosophy that the machine we got (or you got) is what we have, and it's what we're going to cover (and uncover) to reveal how to get the most computing life out of it.

So it is with the Tandy 200. In this issue frequent-contributor Carl Oppedahl tackles questions like: Will 100 software work on the 200? Which peripherals can be used? What do assembly programmers need to know about the 200? What are the input and output ports?

Meanwhile Greg Susong, president of Custom Software, unveils the 200's ROM map to help assembly-language programmers find their way around.

On the 100 side of the backlash, we finally get in our hands and review the much (and long)-touted Magnetic Bubble Memory.

And the cover story illustrates the use of 100s and electronic mail on an international big-business scale. It's another testament to the fact that the 100 has found its way into America's boardrooms.

Sincerely,



P.S. The thought for this month comes from the review by Melvin Maddocks of Richard Schickel's new book *Intimate Strangers* (Time, April 8): "...the issue is the battle for the soul of a culture seduced and battered by machinery that puts image before substance and claims before creativity."



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PUT OFF BY BUSY SIGNAL

While public data carriers can make traditional terminals work on their lines, service reps generally can't make your computer work on their network if it isn't listed in their reference book.

The terminal codes used by Western Union for its EasyLink service are mentioned repeatedly in the documentation but are only charted at length in appendix f2 — without a definition of the terms used. I use code 01 but 23 offers other advantages. Neither requires a line feed.

I use Tymnet to access OnTyme II and EasyLink. There's a book titled *How to Use Tymnet* available from your Tymnet sales representative. One important piece of data is found there. If you're going to use the Xon/Xoff protocol (the E in M711E) on your Model 100, you need to change your log-on procedure to avoid damaging your received files.

Type your terminal ID (A for Model 100), Ctrl-X Ctrl-R and your log-on, on one line.

This tells Tymnet to use the Xon/Xoff protocol, which uses Ctrl-S and Ctrl-Q to control data flow. Since OnTyme II takes Ctrl-Q as a delete-line command, it can result in lost lines in your file if the Tymnet network isn't expecting flow control and passes these characters to Ontyme.

Anytime you want to stop a screen to read it, press Ctrl-S (stop). The network will stop sending even if the service you're using doesn't. No data will be lost; the network holds it for you. To restart press Ctrl-Q.

Does anybody know a way to get the 100 to observe the clear-to-send (CTS) line on pin 5 of the RS-232 while using TELCOM? Several of the devices I'd like to use provide a busy or CTS signal but the 100 ignores them.

John Dewey
Crystal Lake, IL

Model 100 users should select terminal code 21 for accurate communication over Western Union lines.

Your frustration with the 100's failure to respond to busy signals is common. It's not the hardware's fault but TELCOM's. The only way to make the 100 monitor the CTS line is with a BASIC or machine-language program. You can write

your own or contact Traveling Software, Software by Sigea or Micro Demon. All three firms offer telecommunications programs that solve the problem. — Ed.

Wiped Out

I am a journalism professor who uses a INEC PC-8201A for word-processing and moonlights as a copy editor for a newspaper. I use a powerful Atex VDT hooked to a main frame to edit stories and write heads.

I took my NEC and two tapes loaded with files to work the other night in my briefcase, stuck it under the desk and spent seven and a half hours processing copy on the Atex. The next morning I found that all my files had been wiped from both the NEC and tapes. So here's a warning: Keep your portable away from VDT terminals.

George L. Garrigues
Bridgeport, CT

Crash Reporting

I read with interest your article about how the St. Petersburg, Florida Police Department uses the Model 100 (March 1985, pg. 35). That's one of many uses in police work for the 100.

I'm a detective in a 120-man metropolitan police department. My duties include follow-up investigations on motor vehicle theft, vehicular assaults, insurance frauds and accident reconstruction. I use the 100 extensively to write reports. A popular spreadsheet helps me keep track of cases and their dispositions.

The 100 simplifies traffic accident reconstruction. I've written and copyrighted a program called TECHAI.BA (Technical Accident Investigation). It computes slide-to-stop speeds, drag factors, acceleration and deceleration rates, mass, kinetic energy, curve radius, fall, vault and critical speeds, and many other required figures.

The program is menu-driven and guides the user. Scrolling instructions on the last line of the screen eliminate looking up directions in a manual. Step-by-

step formula-solving is displayed and can be printed for a permanent record.

My 100 is the only one used on our department, but I'm working on a proposal to obtain 100s for our patrolmen and detectives. The officers who've seen TECHAI in action are excited about its possibilities. Our department is also implementing a new computer-aided dispatch communications center. We're considering the 100 for digital communications during disasters and tactical operations.

William E. Ferguson
Bellevue, WA

Line-Feed Solution

In the November, 1984 issue a reader complained that there's no line-feed when uploading text. That reader found a solution applicable to the 100, but until I know more about the ROM of my NEC, I'm not going to poke around.

I came upon this solution: while in the menu, move the cursor to the file you want to send. Press F2. When asked for a name, type COM:. You'll see that even the .DO files will give a line feed.

This may help those who have a printer with a serial interface and are fed up with changing the settings each time you want to print.

C. Weyn
Tempe, AZ

Speedy Savings

I have noticed that BASIC programs are saved to tape faster than text programs on the 100. Recently I bought a neat program from Traveling Software called TBackup which saves the entire memory of my 100 to tape in about four minutes (I have 32K). The program bypasses the buffer system and saves everything through the BASIC mode.

I wish it were also possible to save individual text files at this faster speed. Is it technically feasible to write a program to save text files through BASIC? Such an
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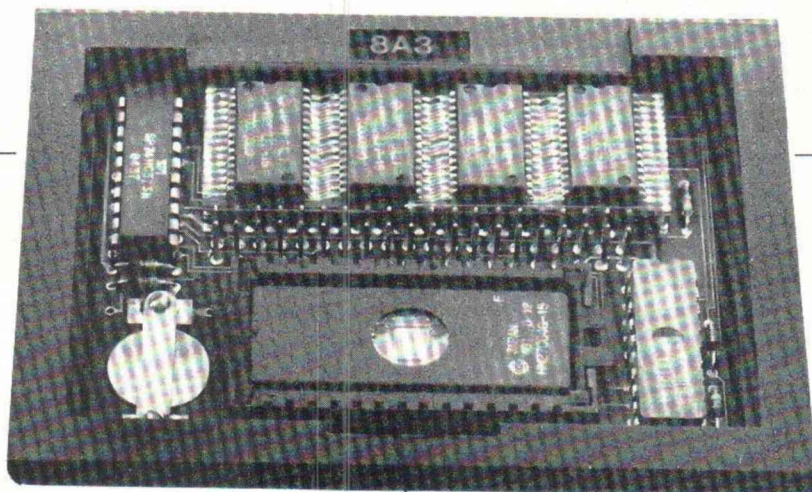
RAM SESSION

Memory bliss — PG Design Electronics Incorporated has introduced a 64K RAM memory module for the Model 100 that allows expansion to 96K RAM.

The module adds two 32K RAM banks to the Model 100, each of which can be accessed at any time. Available in two sizes, the one-bank 32K sells for \$250; the two-bank 64K lists for \$375. The 32K version may be upgraded for an additional \$150.

For more information, contact PG Design Electronics, 66040 Gratiot, Richmond, MI 48064, (313) 727-2744.

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The manufacturer of the Volksmodem 12, a 300/1200 bps modem, is offering a five-year warranty at no cost.

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The company also has announced it will distribute a free telecommunications pamphlet. The Guide to Modems is

an eight-page booklet describing modem terminology, application and suggestions for product selection.

The pamphlet is distributed through Anchor Automation's dealer network, but also is available directly from the company. For information about either the modems or the booklet, contact Anchor Automation, 69813 Valjean Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406, (818) 997-7758.

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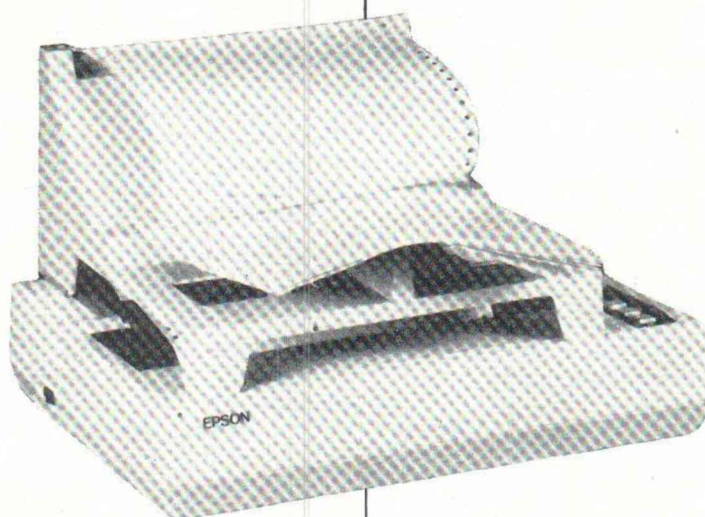
Paper Catcher

Buddy Products of Chicago has come up with a nifty device to solve a mundane problem: printer paper snarls. Paper Catcher neatly handles continuous fanfolded output from printers.

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For more information contact Buddy Products, 1350 South Leavitt St., Chicago, IL 60608, (312) 733-6400.

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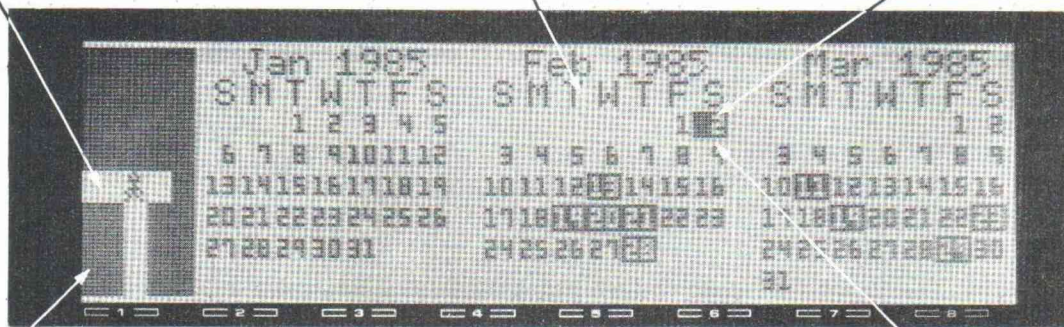
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   "<=&ADAD?1tmpc&M?s>"
20 M=VARPTR (P$)
30 A=PEEK (M+1) + 256*PEEK (M+2)
40 CALL 21200
50 CALL 21293, 0, A
60 LOAD "MDM:8N1D", R
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Note: Before running this program, connect your Model 100 to a telephone with the Radio Shack modem cable (see page 76 of the owners manual). Set TELCOM status to M8N1D.

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Each of the programs on the SIG is stored in one of 10 different areas called data libraries. Each library is numbered and labeled by its contents:

DL	Contents
0	Text, SIG
1	Telcom
2	Sched, Adrs, Busnss
3	Games and Music
4	Tech Notes & Util.
5	Personal/Home
6	Products & Reviews
7	NECy & Olly
8	Groups & CO
9	Data News/Index

After you enter the SIG and see the Function: prompt, use the SIG command DL0 through DL9 to select a data library. Which library should be chosen? All programs uploaded from this magazine will indicate the appropriate data library. Next month SIG 100/200 will cover how to search data libraries for files of interest. This month let's assume that the name and data library of the file to be downloaded is known.

The data library will prompt you with its name—DL0 through DL9.

Downloading Steps

1. Type S filename.ext/DES. The SIG will reply with the name of the file, author and brief description. If a checksum is given with the description, write it

2. Press F2 for download and type a Model 100 name for the file. Press Return. The DOWN message over F2 will become inverse-video.

3. Type TYPE filename.ext. Press return. The file will appear on the screen and will be saved in RAM.

4. When the DL0 - DL9 prompt appears, press F2. Exit the SIG, Compu-

Serve and TELCOM.

5. Go into TEXT and examine the downloaded file. Remove extraneous characters such as carriage returns and CompuServe prompts from the start and end of the file.

6. If you have the DOWNCK.BA program in RAM, run it against the file. If the checksums don't match, look at the file to see if anything's missing.

7. Go into BASIC and LOAD the file. For more information read Danny Goodman's article, this issue.

Table one is a sample session, downloading DOWNCK.WM3 from data library four. The entire process from dialing to the end of the download took less than four minutes.

Software Flash

A new Tiny BASIC compiler is "...perhaps the most important develop-

ment for the Model 100 since XMODEM and the Chipmunk." That's the word from SIG Sysop Dave Thomas.

SIG member Michael Weiblen's program, which creates machine-language programs from BASIC source code, is well-suited for games and mathematical programming. For those who relished Ron Balonis' COBUG in the March issue, TCOMP is exciting news.

TCOMP is available in two files: TCOMP.DOC and TCOMP.101. Both are in the DL4 section of the SIG. Document file TCOMP.DOC explains the limitations of Tiny BASIC and describes the TCOMP.101 compiler program.

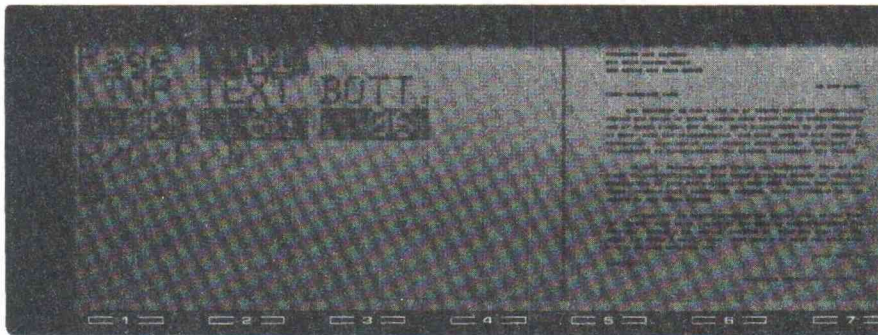
To put Tiny BASIC through the ropes, try PONGTC.100. SIG member Rick Perry designed this two-player arcade game to demonstrate TCOMP's compiler power. PONGTC.100 is located in DL3.

The checksum for TCOMP.101 is 328,384. PONGTC.100 is 258,912. □

table one

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!go pcs-154
CompuServe
Request Recorded,
One Moment, Please
Thank you for Waiting
Welcome to Model 100 SIG, V. 3B(25)
Your name: PORTABLE 100/200 76703,372
Last on: 02-Apr-85 16:44:44
You are user number 331585
Function: dl4
Using Section 4 data library.
DL 4: scan downck.wm3/des
[70235,232]
DOWNCK.WM3 05-Apr-84 930 374
Keywords: CHECKSUM DOWNLOAD
Download this short program. Then run it to compute a raw checksum of the ASCII
values of every character in a .DO file. Compare this value with the known checksum of
the correct file to be sure your copy is accurate.
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DL 4: type downck.wm3
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illustrated above would be to report the recommended calcium intake for tall people based on their age. You can make even more specific inquiries and reports, such as recommended amount of Aerobic exercise based on age and weight. Answers can be values or words depending on the situation, eq. 150 lbs., 25 years might be "30 minutes" but 280 lbs., 50 yrs might be "Warning: Aerobic exercise could be dangerous". You can produce a program that responds to inputs with no programming knowledge whatsoever.

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Individually variable column widths	Y	Y	Y	N
References to labels in formulas	Y	N	N	N
# Rows	254	2048	255	254
# Cols	126	255	63	63
References to cells in other spreadsheets	Y	Y	Y	N
Two dimensional table lookups	Y	N	N	N
Cell protection	Y	Y	Y	N
Redirectable output	Y	Y	—	N
Long labels spill over column boundaries	Y	Y	N	N
Insert row / col	Y	Y	Y	Y
Delete row / col	Y	Y	Y	Y
Replicate	Y	Y	Y	Y
Copy	Y	Y	Y	Y
Absolute and relative cell references	Y	Y	Y	N
Function to count cells occupied by a value	Y	N	Y	Y
SQR	Y	Y	Y	Y
SIN				
COS				
TAN				
ATN				
LOG				
EXP				
INT				
TBL (Lookup, Choose, etc.)				
RND				
SUM	These Lucid functions operate on rectangular ranges as well as individual rows and columns.			
CNT				
MAX				
MIN				
★★				
Edit keys work on initial input	Y	N	N	N
Natural order of recalculation - with detection of circular references	Y	Y	Y	N
Automatic syntax checking of input - cursor stops at your mistake	Y	N	N	N
'Wander' mode on input of formulas to 'point' to cell references	Y	Y	Y	Y
'Wander' mode on edit of formulas	Y	N	N	N
'Go to' remembers where you 'came from'	Y	N	N	N
Sort by column and row	★	Y	Y	N
Graphing of selected ranges	★	Y	N	N
Automatic insertion of date into edit line with control-D	Y	N	N	N
Super compact - empty cells take no memory	Y	N	N	N
Table lookups can use labels as keys	Y	N	N	N
Available now on Model 100	Y	N	N	N
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Ability to suppress zeros on printout	Y	N	N	N
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	Lucid on Model 100	123 on IBM PC	Multiplan on IBM PC	Visicalc on IBM PC
Sum of 600 cells	2.0	1.4	11.5	7.0
Insert column	0.5	2.4	11.0	6.0
Square root 600 cells	133	12.0	112	298
Replicate 100 rows	20.0	1.5	20.0	12.0
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By J.D. HILDEBRAND

It is appropriate that SoundSight, the maker of bubble-memory disk emulators for the Model 100, has a Hollywood address. The glittery city's predilection for illusion is mirrored in the company's product.

SoundSight began promoting its Magnetic Bubble Memory module in the third quarter of 1984 with a collection of impressive and expensive brochures. The company claimed that its product would provide virtually unlimited storage for Model 100 users in a form that consumed less energy and was significantly more portable than disk drives.

Later, when SoundSight began advertising their product, the ads read: "No delays... Inventory in stock — immediate delivery."

On March 28, 1985, more than six months after the first promotional materials were mailed to magazine editors, SoundSight supplied Portable 100/200 with a semi-working bubble-memory module. Several of the module's promised features weren't implemented, and the documentation — marked "Beta Test Version 1.2, not for general release" — contained errors and handwritten corrections.

A subsequent shipment, which arrived late even though SoundSight's shipping deadline was postponed twice, contained a bubble module that was closer to production standards. But this unit too had rough edges.

By the time you read this, hopefully SoundSight will have production versions of the Magnetic Bubble Memory in stock.

TINY BUBBLES

Bubble memory has been variously touted and ridiculed as a mass-storage medium for computers. Proponents sug-

gested in the mid-70s that bubble banks would replace hard disk drives as the chosen storage device for mainframes and minicomputers.

The arguments centered around bubble's solid-state features. A bubble-memory bank works just like random-access memory (RAM). There are no moving parts to break or wear out. No delicate heads or disk surfaces to crash during a power failure. No heavy electrical requirements. No delays while loading programs or data.

Despite the hoopla and the bubble's undeniable attractiveness, the technology hasn't caught on. Its proponents didn't foresee the economies of scale and product evolution that have reduced the price of Winchester storage. Nor did they count on microcomputer owners' willingness to tolerate the delays and relative unreliability that offset floppy disks' low media cost. And perhaps they should have anticipated the inertia that is often the prime hurdle between new technologies and market acceptance.

This isn't to say that bubble memory has found no applications. The technology has found uses in the mini-computer environment and, to a small degree, in portable computers such as the Model 100.

Bubble's ruggedness and low-power requirements have offset its high cost for a number of portable computer manufacturers. Bubble memory is built into laptop computers from Sharp Electronics, Grid Systems and Teleram Communications. The Sharp PC-5000's bubble scheme is particularly noteworthy. The computer has a socket that accepts interchangeable bubble cartridges. The user treats the cartridges just like super-rugged floppy disks.

SOUNDSIGHT'S SOLUTION

The SoundSight Magnetic Bubble Memory is a good idea. A battery-powered bank of memory that adds just an inch to the 100's thickness and about two pounds to its weight, it provides as much as 512K of program and data storage. A SoundSight official says a one-megabyte bubble array will be available later this year.

Operating the bubble-memory module is simple and convenient for some applications. But for others, more than a little BASIC programming skill is required.

To save a program to the bubble, the user precedes the filename with the bubble identifier B:. SAVE "PROGRM" saves a BASIC program in the 100's RAM; SAVE "B:PROGRM" saves it in the Magnetic Bubble Memory. SAVE "B:PROGRM.DO" stores the program in text format instead of compressed binary.

Unlike most BASIC commands, which may be combined on one program line using a colon as a delimiter, the bubble's RUN, LOAD, SAVE and OPEN commands must appear in program lines by themselves. This, according to SoundSight, is due to parser limitations. Bubble files may be opened in INPUT, OUTPUT and APPEND modes.

Saving a text file isn't as simple as saving a program. Since the Model 100's built-in TEXT program doesn't recognize the bubble as B:, users must create and save files in RAM using TEXT, OPEN them and read in lines of text with a BASIC program, and SAVE separately the document in the bubble module.

Alternately, users can load SoundSight's VRAM, an operating system that performs the task from the 100's menu.

Within BASIC, the bubble module may be addressed using the familiar INPUT# and PRINT# commands. MERGE works on bubble files exactly as it does on 100 RAM files. RUN "B:PROGRM" loads and runs a BASIC program, but the 100's LOAD "PROGRAM", R command doesn't work.

INSTALLATION & OPERATION

The Magnetic Bubble Memory plugs into the Model 100 via the 40-pin expansion bus located on the bottom of the computer. Users remove the four screws that hold the 100 together, place the Magnetic Bubble Memory under the computer and attach it with four longer screws.

It's a logical assembly procedure that
(continued on page 56)

100 Ends Deaf Editor's Isolation

By HENRY KISOR

I talk to my Model 100. "So," you say, "there's nothing unusual about an intimate relationship between a 100-user and his or her machine. Some of my best conversations are with my 100."

Eavesdrop a minute, though. This scenario will show you the difference.

I flop on a New York hotel bed, pop a pair of acoustic cups onto the phone, plug in the 100 and dial my Chicago home. The connection is made in split seconds.

"How many nulls do you need?" the 100 screen asks, echoing the computer 800 miles away.

"O," I type.

"Can your terminal use lower case?" inquires the screen.

"Y," I answer, for yes.

"Henry Kisor's private RBBS," (remote bulletin board system) announces the computer in Chicago, which then requests a name and password. I type those and a menu appears. I press C for chat and a message appears telling me the sysop (systems operator) is on line.

"This is Henry," I type.

"Hello, honey," my wife answers.

I've just used the 100 to keyboard-talk with my wife on a computer running bulletin-board software. Why didn't I just call her by voice?

Because I'm deaf — and have been for 41 of my 44 years. I lost my hearing from meningitis as a toddler.

When I bought my first computer system in 1982, I only intended to use it for freelance articles. For most of my life, I couldn't use the telephone. Others had to make phone calls for me. That worked but left me dependent.

For confidential matters I had to use mail. Business that took hearing people a few seconds with Ma Bell took me days or even weeks.

TAPPING NOT THE ANSWER

Technical advances enabled me to use the phone, but slowly and primitively. Then along came Sensicall about 18 years ago. It was a lamp the size of a quarter in a small box wired to the phone that allowed the user to receive messages in voiced Morse code. "Di-di-di dah-dah," the person at the other end would say to the befuddlement of unwitting onlook-

ers. The lamp would flash in response.

The deaf user replied in voice if he had speech (which I have) or in Morse if he didn't. This worked but unfortunately ham radio operators are generally the only people who know Morse code.

Sensicall was also a one-way device. A deaf user could make calls but not receive them, because he couldn't hear the phone ring.

Nine years ago I graduated to a TDD (telecommunications device for the deaf), a typewriter-like gadget with a tiny light-emitting diode above the keyboard. The phone handset fits into rubber acoustic coupler cups atop the device. Users can tap away on the keyboard with reasonable speed. A strobe flasher attached to the phone lets them know when it rings.

EXPENSIVE AND UNCOMMON

This was a big but expensive step. Both ends of the conversation need TDDs to communicate. Each costs about \$250. While a few institutions and businesses have TDDs for their hearing-impaired customers, by and large the TDD network is limited to the deaf community.

There's little interaction with the hearing world. I made airline and motel reservations with this device but otherwise was limited to calling from my office TDD to my family on the home TDD.

Three years ago I bought an Osborne and a Hayes Smartmodem. A year later I got a Model 100. My life is changing finally.

DUMPING GROUND

I bought the Smartmodem to transmit articles from the Osborne at home to the big Atex mainframe at the Chicago Sun-Times, where I work as book editor and computer columnist. My 100 enabled me to take notes on the fly and transfer them to both the Osborne and the Atex for assembly.

It wasn't long before I discovered public-domain electronic bulletin board software for CP/M computers: BYE.COM to answer and hang up the phone and XMODEM.COM to capture file transfers. This enables me to use the Osborne as a mother ship on which to dump Model 100 files from telephones hundreds of miles away. I use XMO-

DEM.100 from the CompuServe Model 100 SIG (special interest group) to give my 100 the XMODEM file transfer protocol capability.

TWO-WAY AT LAST

Inspiration struck. How about two other public domain CP/M programs for the Osborne: CHAT.COM and RBBS.COM?

The former enables two remote computer users to keyboard-talk with each other. The latter allows messages to be left and picked up by either end. I found a friendly hacker who assembled and tailored a complete set of programs for me: Henry Kisor's Private RBBS.

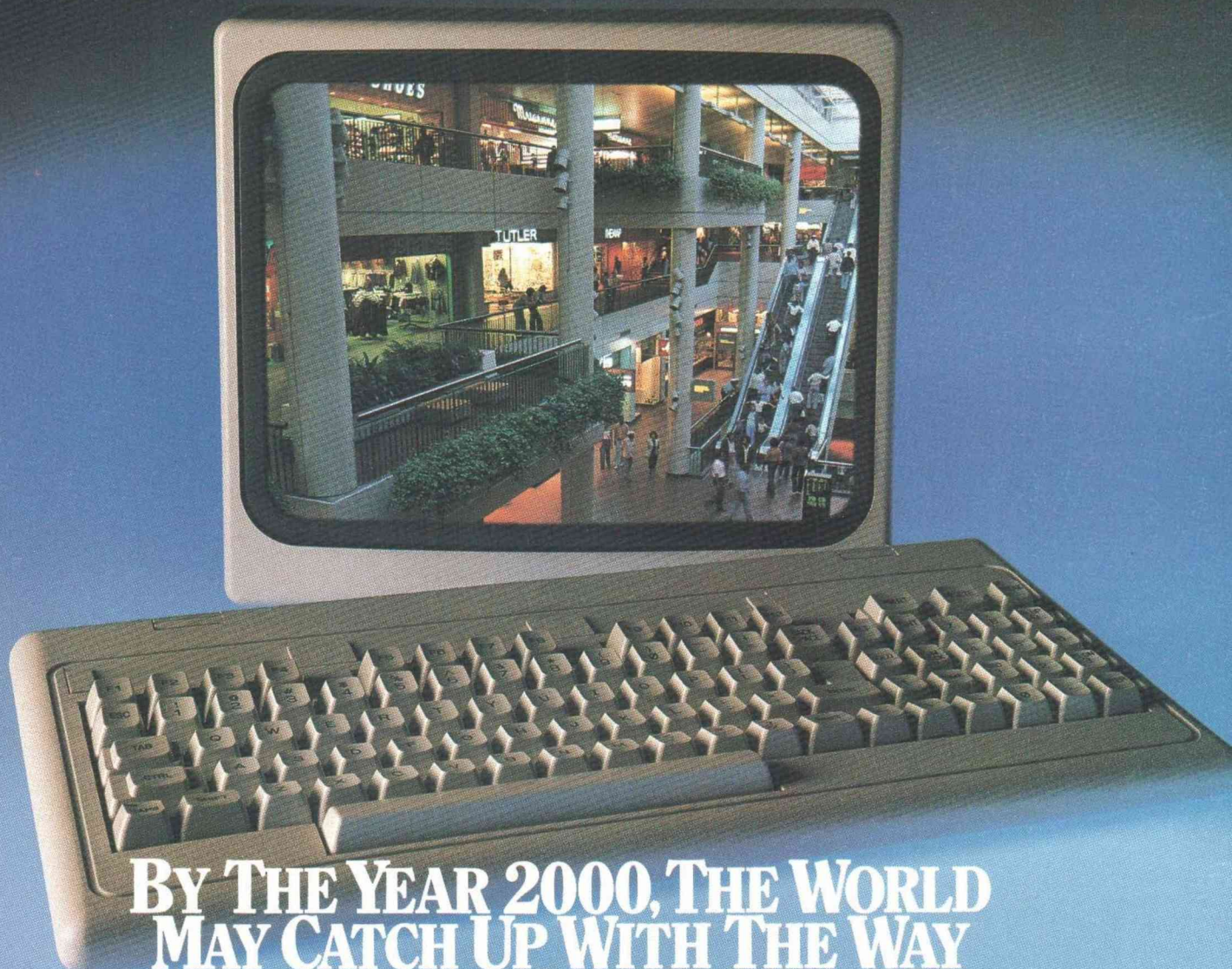
It was a quantum jump. I could at last communicate with hearing people who don't own specialized equipment for the deaf — just a computer and a modem. And look what I can do on the phone:

- As a book editor, ask reviewers to take on books via electronic mail on CompuServe, the Source and Delphi as well as on my private RBBS;
- Conduct keyboarded-phone interviews of authors;
- Get readers' technical questions answered by posting them on local electronic BBS accessed by a dozen or more experts;
- Chat on the Model 100, Osborne or my new Zenith Z-150 with friends who own computers; and
- With the RBBS set up on the Osborne, keep in touch with my family from the office or from out of town.

WORLD AT MY FINGERTIPS

I can't overemphasize the feeling of confidence the Model 100 gives me as I tote it everywhere in my briefcase, even abroad. Four decades of frustrating isolation are over. And it hasn't taken a lot of money or exotic hardware. □

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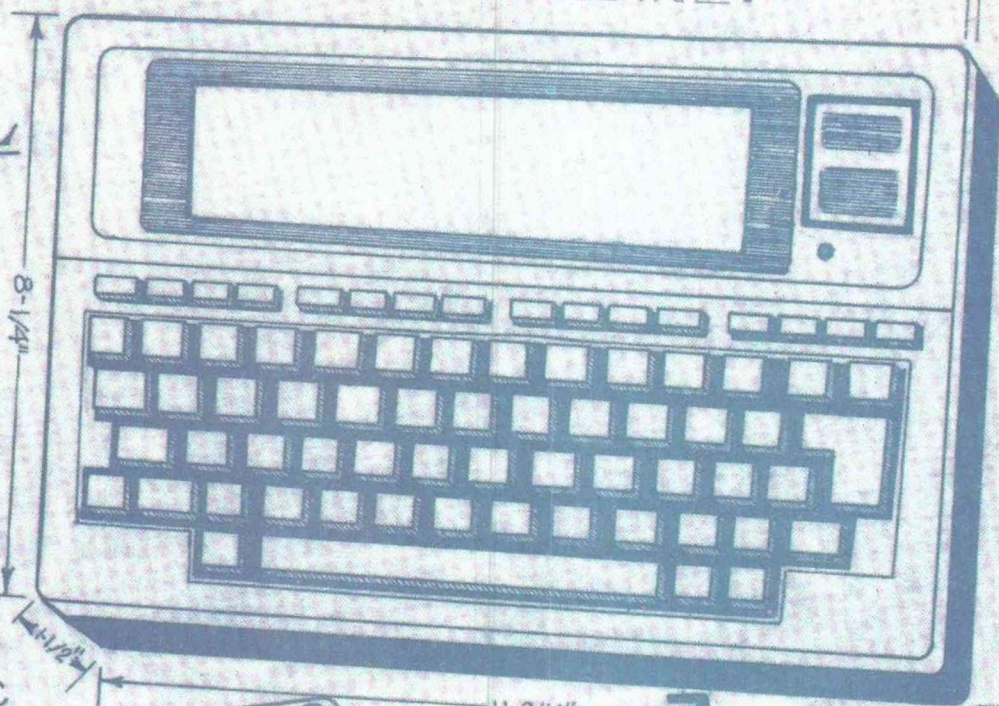
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TANDY PORTABLES: WHAT'S THE REAL DIFFERENCE?

Machine-language expert Carl Oppedahl has studied both computers. It is hoped that with his findings and Greg Susong's ROM map (this issue) you can decide between Tandy's original off-spring and the new generation.

By Carl Oppedahl

Although the Model 100 and the Tandy 200 have much in common in the realm of hardware and software, there are differences.

Both use an 80C85 CPU, the low-power version of the 8085 that can address 64K of memory directly. Any additional memory must be bank-switched. Several hard-wired interrupts are provided for UART, low power and bar-code reader.

Each computer includes a Centronics parallel printer interface, an RS-232C serial port and connectors for bar-code reader, modem, expansion bus, AC adapter and option ROM. The Tandy 200 also has two option RAM sockets.

Most of the Tandy 200 connectors look like those of the 100, and in many cases the interfacing circuitry inside is also identical. But the ROM treatment of the devices creates differences which are interesting to the hobbyist and frustrating to the programmer.

KEYBOARD

The keyboard electronics are nearly identical in the two machines. In the 200, as in the 100, a key closure is detected only if the CPU is scanning at the instant the key is pressed. A CPU that is humming along with interrupts disabled will know nothing of key closures unless it inspects the keys itself through the input/output (I/O) ports.

In both the 100 and 200, key closure data is obtained at input port E0, after toggling a bit of output port B1 or B2. The keyboard matrix is the same — that is, pressing a given key produces the same bit pattern at input port E0 in both machines. In addition ROM routines assign the same ASCII values to the keys.

Regrettably the ROM routines have different call addresses in the two com-

puters. The fundamental call KYREAD, for example, is at 7242 in the 100 and at 8B03 in the 200. Here are other routines:

Subroutine	100 address	200 address
KYREAD	7242	8B03
CHGET	12CB	12F7
CHSNS	13DB	1404
KEYX	7270	8B31
BRKCHK	7283	8B4D
INLIN	4644	54F6
STFNK	5A7C	6E20
CLRFNK	5A79	6E1D
DSPFNK	42A8	4FC7
STDSPF	42A5	4FC4
ERAFNK	428A	4FA9
FNKSB	5A9E	6E42

Entry and exit conditions of the ROM subroutines covered in this article are the same for both the 100 and the 200. All of these are described in detail in Radio Shack publication 700-2245 and in TRS-80 Microcomputer News, November 1983.

SCREEN

The 200 screen is bigger and faster than the 100's, but the RST4 subroutine call works fine for both screens. The ASCII values display identically on the two computers, including form-feed (decimal 12) which clears the screen, and bell (decimal 7) which beeps. Escape sequences (T, U, V, W, P, Q, M, L, K, p, and q) also function on the 200 as on the 100. CODE and GRPH characters work the same in both computers.

BASIC graphics routines such as PSET, PRESET and LINE work identically. A program written for the Model 100 using these routines will display across the top half of the screen. Machine-language routines like PLOT and

UNPLOT, if called using Model 100 arguments, also will display everything on the top half of the screen.

ROM subroutines other than RST4 have completely different addresses in the Tandy 200:

Subroutine	100 address	200 address
LCD	4B44	503C
SETCUR	7440	8D6A
PLOT	744C	8D76
UNPLOT	744D	8D77
POSIT	427C	4F9B
ESCA	4270	4F8F
CRLF	4222	4F3E
HOME	422D	4F49
CLS	4231	4F4D
CSRY	F639	EF06
CSRX	F63A	EF07
BEGLCD	FE00	FA30
ENDLCD	FF40	FCAF

PRINTER

The hardware of the printer interface is similar between the two models. Printer status in either machine is obtained by inspecting bits 2 and 1 (BUSY and BUSY-NOT) of input port BB. A byte to be sent to the printer is presented at output port B1 (or B9), then a strobe is sent via port E0 (or E8). In the 100 the strobe is bit 1, but in the 200 it is bit 0.

The ROM subroutines function identically but are at different locations:

Subroutine	100 address	200 address
PRINTR	6D3F	84C9
PNOTAB	1470	1590
PRTTAB	4B55	5A14
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BAR-CODE READER

The 200 bar-code reader interface and the 100's are alike. When the bar scans something white, an interrupt 5.5 is generated and the data is presented to the CPU at bit 3 of input port BB. Bar-code driver software must be rewritten for the 200, but the same wand is used.

SERIAL PORT

Serial I/O performed by the 100 is through a 6402 UART (universal asynchronous receiver/transmitter). The 200 uses an 82C51 USART (universal synchronous/asynchronous receiver/transmitter). The synchronous capability of the USART is not used. Hereafter, it'll be referred to as a UART.

Before sending serial output the CPU must verify that the previous character has been sent. This is confirmed at bit 0 of input port CF (or C1, C3, C5 ... CD). The byte to send is output to port CE (or C0, C2, C4 ... CC). Transmit status in the 100 is at bit 4 of input port D0 and bytes are transmitted at output port C0.

In either machine received data is announced by the RST 6.5 interrupt, and the data byte is at input port C0 (or C2, C4, C6 ... CE). Framing, overrun and parity errors must be checked for. In the 200 this is received from bits 3, 4 and 5 of input port CF whereas in the 100 the errors show up at bits 2, 1 and 3, respectively of input port D8.

In the 200 the RS-232 handshake signals may be controlled in software:

RTS	Output port CE, bit 5
DSR	Input port CF, bit 7
DTR	Output port CE, bit 1

The CPU cannot gain access directly to the signal CTS provided from outside, but CTS can be used to control data transmission. If bit 0 of port CE is turned on, then the UART will transmit only when CTS is asserted. Otherwise CTS is ignored.

This departs from the 100 design since it ignores all handshake signals and stops transmission only upon receipt of a control-S. The 200 can't always plug into a serial circuit where a Model 100 did. A 200 user might need a null modem to transmit and receive.

ROM routines used in COM: input and output are otherwise identical to their Model 100 predecessors, except for addresses:

Subroutine	100 address	200 address
DISC	52BB	61BA

CONN	52D0	61D0
DIAL	532D	622B
RCVX	6D6D	8508
RV232C	6D7E	8519
SENDCCQ	6E0B	8608
SENDSCS	6E1E	8617
SD232C	6E32	8624
CARDET	6EEF	874A
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BAUDST	6E75	86AD
INZCOM	6EA6	86DE
SETSER	17E6	191D
CLSCOM	6ECB	87B5

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The TELCOM program in the 200 differs in a few respects from the 100's. If you push F8 to disconnect and answer N, you'll end up out of terminal mode. This is disconcerting the first time it happens. There's good news though. You can go to the main menu, run a program, re-enter TELCOM and push F4 putting you back online — all without losing the distant computer. Pushing F8 and Y disconnects the line just as in the 100.

MODEM

Modem circuitry in the 200 is similar to that of the 100. The differences lie in the ability to do tone-dialing, which can be done through the acoustic coupler.

Originate/answer switching in the 200 is done through output port BA, bit 1. DIR/ACP status, available to the 100 programmer at input port BB, bit 5, is not available to the 200 programmer.

Jumpers are provided making it easy to convert the 200 to CCITT (European) tones rather than Bell-103 (U.S.A.) tones, and back again.

CASSETTE

The cassette hardware is identical in both machines. Gains, audio levels, and motor control specifications are the same. Cassette I/O take place through the interrupt mask, with the SIM and RIM opcodes. File formats are the same, and BASIC and document files may be freely exchanged between the two computers. Command files also may be transferred, but because of the ROM subroutine address differences, few machine-language programs from one computer will run on the other.

Cassette motor control in the 200 takes place through the same port (bit 3 of port E8) as in the 100. The method does differ in one respect. In the Model 100 the previous port contents are stored by the operating system at FF45. The Tandy 200 stores them at FCFF. Here are the common subroutines:

Subroutine	100 address	200 address
DATAR	702A	88B3
CTON	14A8	15C0
CTOFF	14AA	15C2
CASIN	14B0	15C8
CSOUT	14C1	15D9
SYNCW	6F46	87D1
DATAW	6F5B	87E6

PIEZO BEEPER

The piezo element in the 200 is just like its predecessor. In both computers, output port BA, bits 2 and 5 activate and toggle the crystal element, while the frequency divider capabilities of the 81C55 chip provide the SOUND command in BASIC. The subroutine MUSIC is the machine-language equivalent of SOUND, with Model 100 address 72C5 and Tandy-200 address 8BC0.

Sending a decimal 7 to the screen makes the familiar BEEP.

File Handling

Subroutine	100 address	200 address
Directory	F962	F252
MAKTXT	220F	2D7C
CHKDC	5AA9	6E4D
GTXTTB	5AE3	6E8C
KILASC	1FBE	2AB4
INSCHR	6B61	829C
MAKHOL	6B6D	82A8
MASDEL	6B9F	82DA

System routines

Subroutine	100 address	200 address
INITIO	6CD6	841C
IOINIT	6CE0	8439
MENU	5797	67A4

TIMEKEEPING

The Model 100's clock and calendar work with a uPD1990AC chip. In the Tandy 200 a more sophisticated chip with alarm function is used, the RP5C01. In each case the nicad battery keeps time while the computer is off.

The 200 has a delightfully clever circuit which allows the chip's alarm signal to power up the computer even when power has been switched off. Battery drain is thus negligible even when an alarm has been set for power-up.

In the 100 resetting time requires the CPU to go through a cumbersome software parallel-to-serial conversion. The 200's clock chip does most of its own addressing, so parallel loads to and from ports 90 through 9F suffice to determine time, date and alarm.

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Great Expectations

Two basic and sometimes conflicting factors fuel the evolution of microcomputer systems — and sometimes haunt their developers.

Technological innovation yields computers that appear on covers of trade magazines and serve as models for a seemingly inevitable spate of copycat products.

Marketing savvy results in systems that synthesize technological maturity and insight into users' real needs, rather than industry-hyped expectations. The products that result from market-driven management rarely are as flashy as their state-of-the-art "breakthrough" cousins, but generally are more cost-efficient to produce and sell, less expensive for the consumer and result in less fuss over promises made but not kept.

Tandy has a track record to prove that theorem. The TRS-80 was a technological innovation, but it became a standard. The rest of its family (Model 100 not included) were more or less upgrades of an established success.

The TRS-80 Model 100 was an innovative combination of technology that meets real needs. The Tandy 200 is designed to be an upgrade that builds upon that success, almost without regard on Tandy management's part for the generational leaps other portable manufacturers are making.

Clearly the 100's big little brother the Tandy 200 is not a technological breakthrough. In the laptop computer market its components are yesterday's news.

Instead of grabbing for the technological gold ring, Tandy sought to meet what management understood to be users' needs with mature, existing components and a compatible Model 100 upgrade path. If there's fault to be found here, it may be one of timing and the difference between what a user really needs and what he *perceives* that he needs.

Tandy may have misread what the consumer would be bombarded with in competing portables. The fact that they began designing the 200 at about the same time as the 100 was introduced may have been a timing accident.

Excited by positive reviews and overwhelming predictions that the 100 would be a winner, Tandy management committed to a next-generation project. Brainstorming sessions on the 200 began in February 1983, according to Bill Walters, the Radio Shack buyer who fostered the

100 through its design and introduction. That was fully two years before the 200's introduction.

Early 200 designs called for IBM compatibility and a 25-line, 80-character display, Walters says. But hardware engineers reported that no product with an IBM-compatible keyboard could be small enough to be truly portable.

By summer 1983, only four months after the 100's introduction, the 200 was conceived as an upgraded follow-up product to the Model 100. "No detail escaped scrutiny," Walters recalls. "Both sides (Tandy and Japanese hardware supplier Kyocera) spent a summer weekend putting the hardware specifications together. Two days later negotiations ended with a consensus on the product and the price: The unit would cost \$1,000 or less."

In September that same year Walters headed the Tandy team that roughed out details of software functions with Microsoft, the Seattle-based developer of the Model 100's internal programs. Walters reports that he and Microsoft "were in agreement about at least one thing. The next generation of portable software would include the features that made the 100 so popular, plus extras."

BASIC renumbering, hexadecimal math and random-access files were sacrificed to maintain Model 100 compatibility, while TELCOM and TEXT were enhanced to provide further functions. The team also settled on an electronic spreadsheet, Microsoft's Multiplan, as a built-in standard feature for business users.

CASTLES IN THE AIR

"The 200 is an upgrade of the 100," says Ed Juge, director of market planning for Tandy computers. "It's for people who want more capability than the 100 provides."

Tandy based its 200 design on Model 100 feedback, according to Juge. The company has monitored the CompuServe Model 100 Special Interest Group, met with Radio Shack store managers, tallied and analyzed phone calls, and solicited information from regional and district sales managers.

Juge reports that none of this data was put through a rigorous market test. That's probably not unique. What's significant, however, is that most of the information was collected after the 200's design was determined.

CASTLES DOWN THE STREET

Tandy believes the 200 will find even more applications in business than the Model 100 has. "Dow Jones has about four hundred Model 100s," Juge says, "and we've probably sold one to every working journalist in the world. There's a ton of them in the White House."

Hyperbole, probably. The 100 may have sold by the ton, but still not in sufficient numbers to prevent company officials from calling its sales figures disappointing. "Eventually there may be more than one" winner in the portable market, Juge says. "But one thing's for sure — there isn't as large a market for high-end portables (like the Hewlett-Packard 110, Data General One and Texas Instruments Pro-Lite) as people thought. People want simple, straightforward machines."

"I don't know very many business people who *couldn't* use the 200," he continues. "There are very few people who don't need to write reports and memos. The 200 is perfect for anyone who does text preparation, outlines speeches or maintains small spreadsheets."

The company hopes the product's deliberately chosen monicker will help open doors in the business world. Radio Shack's traditional markets are consumer electronics and entertainment devices. Now that the company is moving into business markets, the Radio Shack brand name has potential disadvantages. The Tandy name delineates a new image for the business-product line, Juge believes.

Despite the business emphasis, the company isn't ruling out the home and hobbyist markets. "It's not just for travelers," Juge says. "You can use it at home sitting on the couch or on the bed — not just the computer room. I like to use mine outside by the swimming pool."

CASTLES WE NEED

"The 100 is a convenience item," says Juge, "and the 200 improves on it." It's the *idea of convenience* — embodied in the 200 — that Radio Shack is trying to sell. Tandy hasn't given consumers what they've asked for — and apparently didn't try. What the company *has* introduced, it says, is an improved tool for simplifying life. And Tandy hopes buyers will be people who believe their lives need simplifying. □

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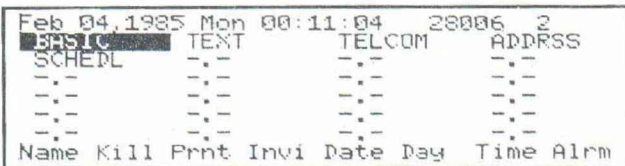
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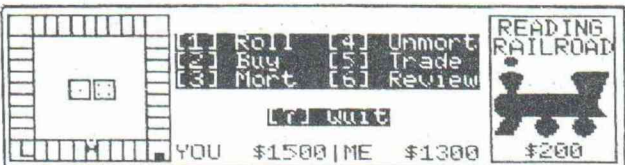


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FACE TO FACE (from 19)

The Model 100's habit of advancing the year has been cured in the 200. The problem was that the clock chip itself only kept month and date. The operating system did its own year calculation and often slipped up. The 200's clock chip does everything including the year.

The ROM routines work the same but have different addresses:

Subroutine	100 address	200 address
TIME	190F	1A7E
DATE	192F	1A9E
DAY	1962	1AC5

MACHINE LANGUAGE

Few machine-language programs from one computer will run on the other. The I/O ports are also different, so even a self-contained machine-language program (one which calls no ROM routines) likely won't run. MAXRAM in the two machines also differs. This is unfortunate since most programs written for the Model 100 (loading near F5F0 hex) can't load into the Tandy 200. F5F0 is firmly in the middle of the protected system RAM area.

EXPANSIONS

The expansion port is physically different but electrically identical. Portable Computer Support Group (PCSG) says their Chipmunk will soon be released with software and a cable for the 200. In the same marketing vein, anticipate Radio Shack to reissue the Disk/Video Interface for the 200 use. Only a software and cable change is needed for the switchover.

Option ROM pin assignments are identical in the two computers. Thus techniques used by PCSG and Polar Engineering to put an 8K EPROM into the 32K Model 100 option ROM socket will work in the 200.

The means of bank switching is different for each machine. The 100's option ROM is switched-in by turning on bit 0 of output port E8. In the 200, bits 0-3 of output port D8 are used. Bits 0 and 1 determine the ROM bank in use: 00 is standard (BASIC, TELCOM, TEXT, etc.), 01 is MSPLAN, 10 is the option ROM. Bits 2 and 3 determine the RAM bank: 00 is bank 1 (standard RAM), 01 is bank 2 (option RAM bank 1), and 10 is bank 3 (option RAM bank 2).

BASIC

Model 100 programs which avoid CALL, INP, OUT, PEEK and POKE will run fine on the Tandy 200. The BASIC keywords and error codes are identical. □

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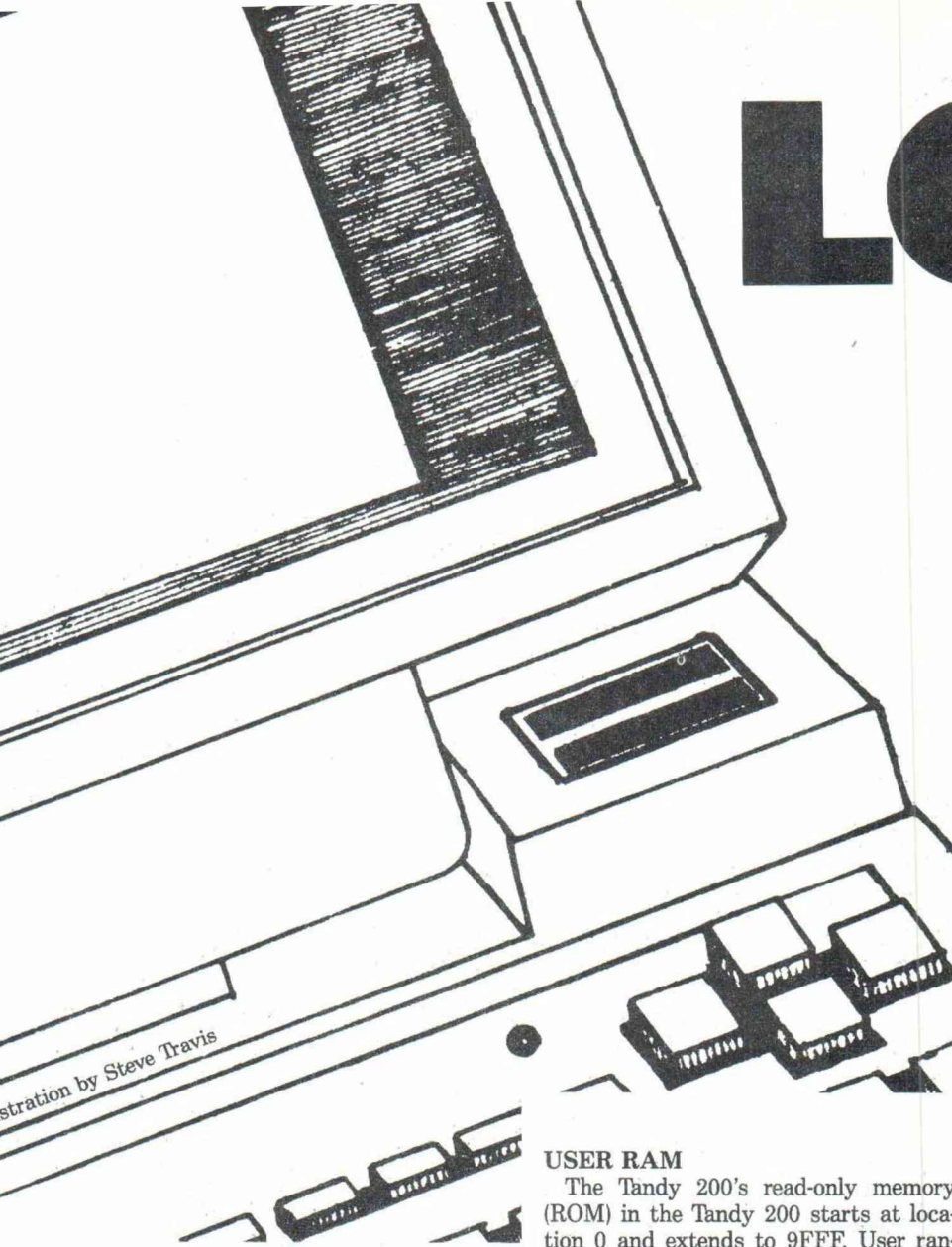
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LOST

In Your 200?

The end of a BASIC program is marked with three binary zeros. The end of a TEXT file is marked with a 1A byte (26 decimal). The first six bytes of a machine-language program tell its start address, length and entry address in standard least-significant-byte/most-significant-byte (LSB/MSB) format.

EXECUTED ON THE SPOT

BASIC programs are executed in place regardless of where they're stored. This is true also for TEXT files. They're edited and revised where stored. Machine-language programs are moved to their start address before execution. To run one from menu, the memory address the program is using is first protected. CLEAR (see page 23 in the Tandy 200 BASIC manual) is used.

The second parameter tells BASIC where to set HIMEM. (The area from HIMEM to MAXRAM won't be used by BASIC to store variables.) A machine-language program is safe from BASIC trampling. With the cursor over a machine-language file and Enter pressed, the 200 moves the file from storage in low memory to its start address and executes it.

Because all programs and data are stored in RAM, it's easy for an error in the program to wipe out something important and cause a cold start. Backup copies of important data or programs should always be made before experimenting with machine language.

The system RAM area from EEB0 to FFFF is where machine variables are stored. The current cursor position, file directory and communication parameters are stored here. POKEing about in this area should be gently done.

BY GREG SUSONG

Here's a travelog and map to help you find your way around.

Tackling the read-only memory (ROM) unlocks the secrets of the Tandy 200 necessary to know before it's possible to write assembly-language software.

Disassembling the ROM gives the programmer control over program output. It's also a great help when programming in BASIC. Each usable routine is documented with the entry and exit conditions needed to perform functions (see ROM map).

USER RAM

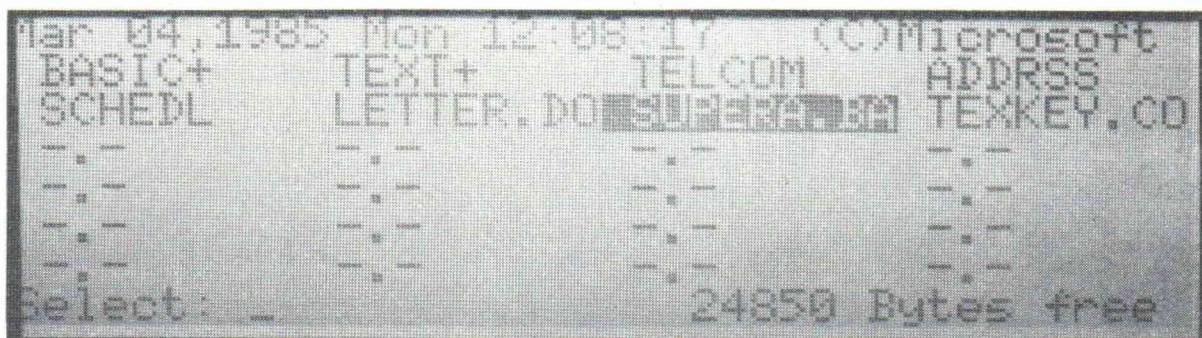
The Tandy 200's read-only memory (ROM) in the Tandy 200 starts at location 0 and extends to 9FFF. User random-access memory (RAM) starts at A000 and extends to EEAF. The RAM from EEB0 to FFFF is system RAM, used to store the variables that the ROM programs need to operate.

To execute a ROM routine from BASIC, CALL is used (see page 22 in the Tandy 200 BASIC manual). For example the ROM routine to print a character on the screen is at location 20 (32 decimal). The entry conditions listed with this routine say that printed characters must be in the A register. To print B (66 decimal) on the screen, CALL 32,66 is used.

Some routines don't need parameters. To print time and date on the screen, CALL 28065 would be typed. To exit BASIC and go directly to TELCOM, CALL 24573 would be used.

The user RAM area from A000 to EEB0 is storage. All BASIC programs are stored first, TEXT files second and machine-language programs third. The rest of the space is used by BASIC to store variables and file I/O buffers.

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cally carry out complicated editing sequences.

In TELCOM these keys can save you money while accessing a data base such as Compuserve. They also save you the trouble of remembering such things as passwords, ID numbers, and special commands.

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Moreover, SUPERA allows you to save and load entire sets of function keys by a single control key action. Thus you might keep a set of keys called TEXKEY.CO handy to use in TEXT, another keyset for BASIC, and yet another for TELCOM.

In BASIC

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In Menu

You can use control keys to kill and rename files.

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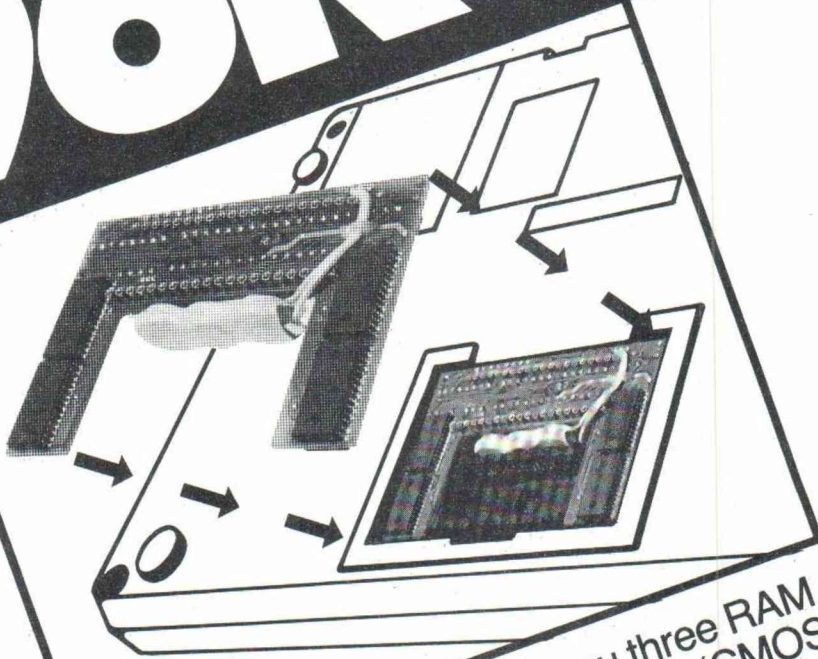
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ROM MAP

For example, at location EF09 (61193 decimal) is a value that tells the 200 how many characters wide the screen is. Currently the value 40 is stored there. If this is changed by typing POKE 61193,10 the width will be changed to 10 characters. After 10 characters the cursor drops to the beginning of the next line. Typing POKE 61193,40 resets to 40 value.

ROUND THE LOOP

The following example shows how to create, store and execute a machine-language program on the 200. The assembly code below is a simple program that puts typed characters on display until you ESCape.

LOOP	CALL	\$12F7
	CPI	27
	RZ	
	RST	4
	JMP	LOOP

The first line calls the ROM routine that waits for a key to be pressed. When a key is pressed, the ASCII code is returned in the A register. Line two compares the A register value with the decimal value 27. If they're the same, the zero flag is set and the code in line three REtURNS to the menu. If the zero flag isn't set, line three is skipped and line four calls the ROM routine to display the character. Line five tells the computer to jump back to the location designated by the label LOOP. The process starts over.

An area of memory must be protected as a place for the program to reside. The program is 10 bytes long, so if 10 is subtracted from MAXRAM, 61094 is the highest point in RAM that this program can be safely located. So in BASIC, CLEAR 0,61094 is typed.

RIGHT ADDRESS

POKE the values for each instruction into memory at the correct address. The following BASIC program will do that:

```
10 FOR N = 0 TO 9
20 READ A
30 POKE N + 61094, A
40 NEXT : END
50 DATA 205,247,18,254,27
60 DATA 200,231,195,166,238
```

Type in the program, run it and save it on the main menu, type:

SAVEM"TEST",61094,61103,61094

The new machine-language program

will run when TEST.CO is entered from the menu. To exit, ESCape is pressed.

That's how machine-language programs are handled in the 200. Understanding that now allows for the creation of a useful machine-language subroutine. Quite often programs will need to be prompted for a filename to locate the file in memory so that data can be manipulated. The subroutine in table one does that.

FILENAME PROMPT

When prompting for a filename, if the file exists, the routine will return with the address of the file's storage area in

HL, the type of file in A and the address of the file's directory entry in DE. If the file doesn't exist, a beep will sound, and it will prompt for the information again. To exit the subroutine without giving a filename, SHIFT/BREAK is used.

The subroutine entry point is at the START label. To use this routine in assembly programs a CALL is made to START when a prompt is needed for a filename. □

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table one

;Assign labels to ROM routines

```
BEEP EQU $4F45
PNXMSG EQU $6DFE
GETLIN EQU $54F0
MENU EQU $67A4
CAPLIN EQU $6D22
CK4FIL EQU $6E4F
FILADD EQU $6E8C
```

;Error routine

```
ERROR CALL BEEP ;Beeps and falls into main routine
```

;Subroutine entry point is at START

```
START CALL PNXMSG ;Display the Filename prompt
DM Filename
DB 0
CALL GETLIN ;Get a line from the keyboard
JC MENU ;If BREAK was pressed then go to the MENU
DCR B ;Subtract 1 from length of line input
JZ ERROR ;If no characters entered, beep and retry
INX HL ;Point to first character of line input
PUSH HL ;Transfer the address to DE
POP DE
CALL CAPLIN ;Convert line input to uppercase if needed
XCHG ;Get line input address back into DE
MOV A,C ;Put length of line input into A
CALL CK4FIL ;Does the requested file exist?
JZ ERROR ;If not, beep and try again
MOV A,M ;Put the file type into A
PUSH HL ;Save the files directory entry address
CALL FILADD ;Put the files storage address into HL
POP DE ;Put the files directory entry address into DE
RET ;Return to caller
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WRITE ROM is what you would have expected PCSG, the software leader for the Model 100, to develop in the 18 months since Write + was brought to the market.

First of all WRITE ROM as its name implies is on a snap-in ROM. You simply take a quarter and open the little compartment on the back of your Model 100 and press in the ROM cartridge. It is as easy as an Atari game cartridge and can be snapped in and out instantly so that you can use other ROM programs whenever you wish.

WRITE ROM appears on the main menu just like one of your built in programs. It lets you do every formatting function you would expect like setting margins, centering, right justifying and having headers and footers. But it does them under function key control, with the clear and easy to learn and use techniques for which PCSG has become famous.

In keeping with PCSG's long standing reputation for superlatively simple yet comprehensive documentation, the manual is a model of lucidity.

WRITE ROM remembers your favorite format settings so that you can print a document without any set up, but you can change any formatting or printing parameters instantly with a function key.

WRITE ROM's 'pixel mapping' feature shows you an instant picture on the screen of how your printout will look on paper. Incidentally, PCSG introduced this feature on the Olivetti M-10 version of Write + over a year ago.

In all there are 44 separate features and functions that you can do with WRITE ROM, and some of these features are truly breakthroughs for the Model 100.

First, WRITE ROM lets you do search and replace, with function key ease of course. Any word or phrase in a document can be searched for and replaced with any other phrase where the search words appear.

Second, WRITE ROM lets you send any text (formatted or not) to any other computer over the phone with just a function key. What's more, it dials and handles sign on protocol automatically.

Third, WRITE ROM has a wonderful feature called 'Library' that gives your Model 100 power that you never thought it could have. Library lets you record favorite phrases, words, or commonly used expressions (sometimes called boilerplate). Any place you wish any library text to appear in your document you just type in a code. WRITE ROM automatically inserts the text just like a Xerox Memory Writer.

The library phrase is inserted as your document is being printed rather than as it is being typed, so this feature conserves memory in documents where a long phrase is used repetitively, since each occurrence of a library phrase in your document is indicated by a single code character.

This Library feature is so powerful these two pages could be devoted just to telling you about things it can do. For example, you can have names and addresses that you designate in one text file with a customer or supplier number. Or you can have inventory items with stock numbers.

In your document you simply type in the customer or stock number and that entry from the other file is automatically inserted in the document. Picture what you can do with that kind of capability.

Because WRITE ROM is written in machine code, it is blindingly fast. No one can claim faster operation.

Because it is on a ROM it uses virtually none of your precious RAM for its operation, and it does not interfere with other machine code programs in your RAM. It works with any printer, serial or parallel. At the touch of a function key you can find the size of a RAM file in bytes and in words (ideal for journalists and other writers who need to know how many words are in a piece). You can make a duplicate copy of a document file under a new name. You also can rename or delete (kill) any RAM file with function key ease.

This description only scratches the surface of this amazingly powerful piece of software. You can automatically insert the date or the time anywhere in your document; WRITE ROM senses when you are nearing the bottom of a page, and at your command will start a new paragraph on the next page.

Write+ was the Model 100 pioneer in the use of 'dot commands' to allow control of such things as margins, centering, line spacing and other appearance related changes in the middle of a document. WRITE ROM goes a step further by making all the dot commands Wordstar compatible. This means that if you wish you can quite easily prepare a Wordstar compatible document. Then you can use features of WRITE ROM (such as pixel mapping) that Wordstar lacks, before up-loading to your desktop.

A Mail Merge feature allows you to send the same document to every name on your mailing list, personalized for each recipient.

WRITE ROM enables you to do underlining, boldface and correspondence mode as well as any other font feature that your printer supports in a way that is so unique many users say "It is worth the price of the program just to have this one feature."

Here's how it works: When you want to underline you don't have to remember

some complicated printer code. You just type Graph-U, and to end underline you just type Graph-U again. For boldface it's Graph-B and to end boldface it's Graph-B again. It's easy to remember and easy to do. WRITE ROM lets you record the codes from your printer's manual one time only and then just use these easy to remember signals any time you want to do a printer font feature.

WRITE ROM does so many things that other text formatters cannot do. For example you can not only double space but triple, quadruple or any other.

WRITE ROM allows you to use your TAB key in a document so that you can indent the first line for a paragraph easily or space rapidly over many tab stops.

WRITE ROM has another nice feature. It allows you to undent. This means that you can have paragraphs that have a first line that projects to the left of the remainder of the paragraph.

WRITE ROM allows you to not only center a word or phrase on a line but you can center copy vertically on a page as well.

WRITE ROM has a feature that is unique to any word processor on any computer. It is called FORM. FORM is an interactive mechanism that lets you create screen prompts so that you or someone else can answer them to fill out forms, or supply information like to a questionnaire or answer correspondence rapidly inserting personal answers into a form letter.

It works sort of backwards from Library or boilerplate. As you recall, with the Library feature you type a code into a document and when you print, that phrase or word or paragraph is picked up from the Library file and inserted into the printed document. With FORM when you print, anyplace where you had previously typed in a GRAPH T in a document, the printer will stop and you are shown a prompt on the screen. You can type in directly on the screen and when you press ESC, what you typed is sent to the printer formatted like the rest of the document.

What is really great is that you created those prompts that appeared on the screen. By the way, the prompts won't appear in the printed document unless you want them to, and you don't have to be connected to a printer, you can write your completed forms to RAM files if you wish.

Think of how you can use FORM. A doctor or nurse could use it for a patient's history with each question appearing on the screen. An insurance salesman could have

his entire questionnaire, or a police department could do a complete arrest report. You can construct a series of prompts to answer correspondence, automatically inserting the answers into a generalized letter format for a given type of correspondence, like customer service. This feature lets you answer letters in a rapid fire fashion each one with its personalized responses.

Before WRITE ROM you had to be a programmer to create a series of prompts to answer questions or record information. Now it is as simple as typing Graph T.

There are many other examples of excellent programming evident in WRITE ROM. The line feed problem of the Model 100 is dealt with by the simple use of a function key. Files are selected by moving the wide bar cursor over the WRITE ROM menu.

PCSG makes the claim that WRITE ROM is the easiest, fastest and most feature rich text formatter for the Model 100, as well as being the only one on a Snap-in ROM. You can do more with WRITE ROM than anyone thought possible for the Model 100. We at PCSG are happy to offer WRITE ROM because it expands the Model 100 to a dimension of text processing you cannot equal on even larger computers.

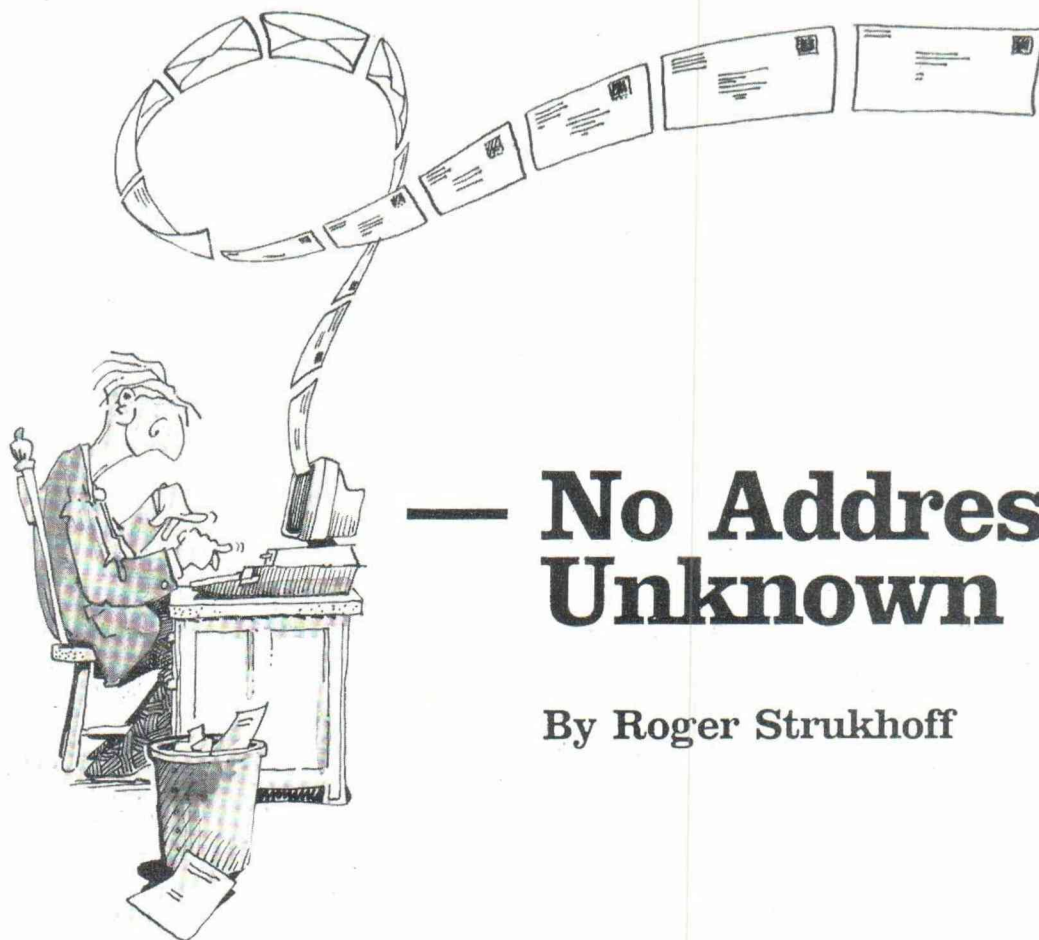
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By Roger Strukhoff

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There's no escaping the mighty E-mail arm. Its global reach can send messages even to the darkest corners of the earth.

The buzz-word electronic mail (E-mail) implies transmitting the written word via telephone lines instead of through rain, hail, sleet or snow.

A user on a local area network can send a message across the hall to a colleague — a one-line reminder of a lunch appointment. A traveling sales professional can send an order to the billing and shipping departments. The U.S. agent of a major investment firm can transmit prospective client's financial particulars overseas for analysis.

These services provide access country-wide to tens of thousands of subscribers to these utilities. In fact, they should be thought of as enhancements to these companies' vast online data-base information retrieval services, rather than as stand-alone E-mail packages.

Since users' needs are diverse, the services must be too.

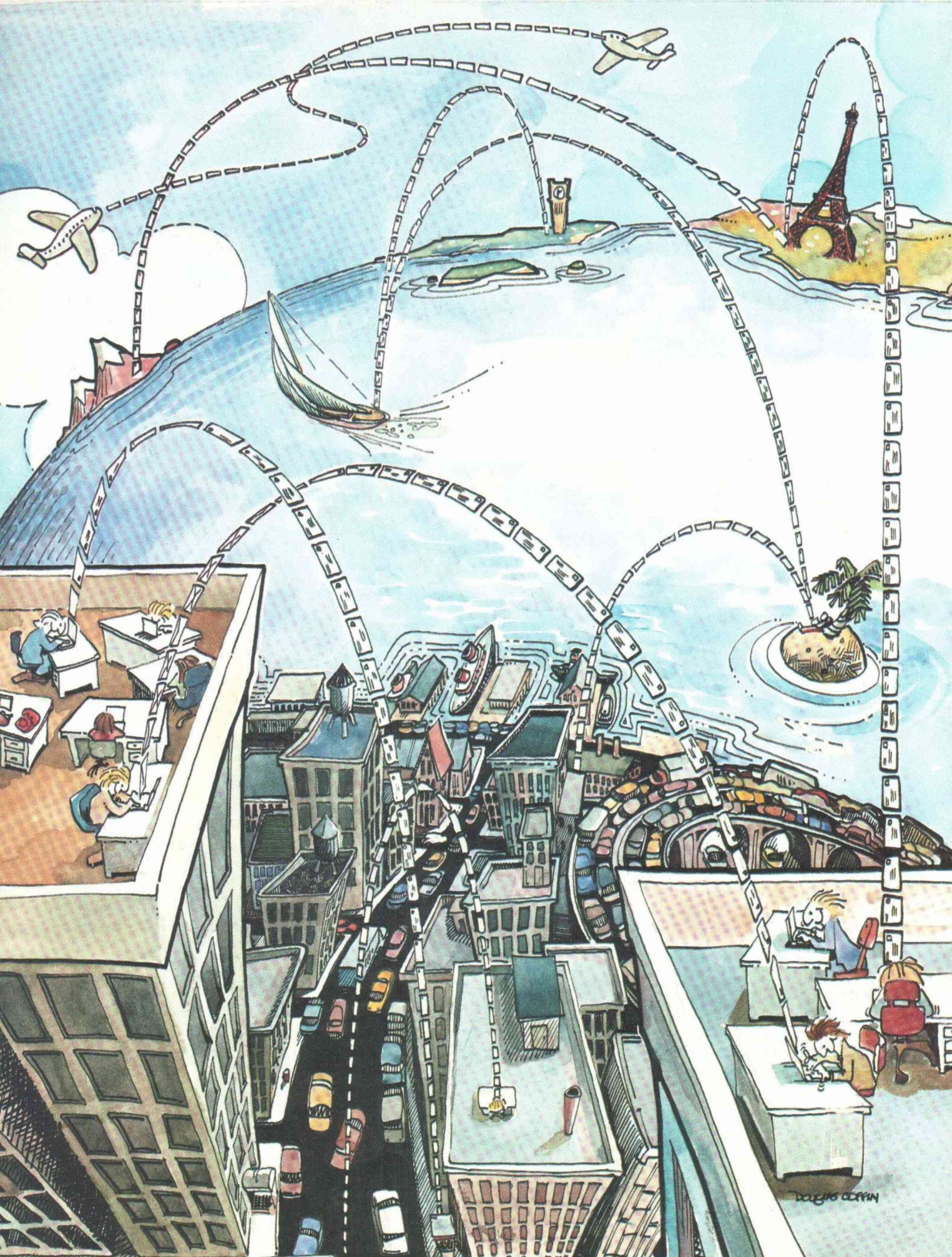
Some E-mail networks are closed loops to serve only those who pay subscription fees. Others allow message transmission to non-subscribers. Some networks serve

many users, others are limited to a few. Some are designed for businesses that have multiple users within one company. Others are for personal or home use.

BUSINESS OPTIONS

For a typical business application with a defined group of people regularly sending messages, there are information utilities to provide the solution. GTE Telenet's Telemail, Tymshare's Ontyme, Uninet's Gemservice and General Electric Information Service Co.'s Mark-Net are leading examples. These companies issue passwords, provide local access numbers and allow messaging among subscribers for flat monthly fees that range from \$50 to \$200, plus access charges of \$5 to \$50 per hour depending on the time of day.

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PERSONAL PLANS

For personal users, large information utilities like The Source and CompuServe provide valid E-mail options. The Source's SourceMail carries a \$100 initial subscription fee, \$10 monthly fee and access charges of \$8 to \$20 per hour. CompuServe's EasyPlex has a \$40 one-time fee with monthly and access charges similar to The Source's.

These services provide access throughout the country to tens of thousands of subscribers to these utilities. In fact, they should be thought of as enhancements to these companies' vast online data-base information retrieval services.

Another option for the personal user is the tremendous variety of computer bulletin boards that have sprouted all over the place in recent years. Users can find a bulletin board satisfying any desire and leave messages in the electronic mailboxes of like-minded individuals. The 100 owner thinking of using a bulletin board for electronic messaging should be forewarned: they can be highly addictive.

HYBRID ALTERNATIVES

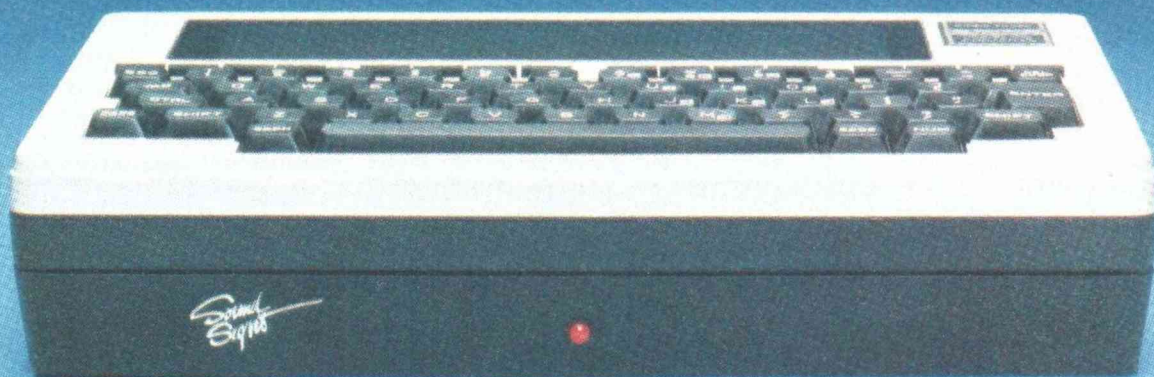
No outline of E-mail options would be complete without a mention of MCI Mail and EasyLink. These services integrate computer technology with printed mail.

MCI Mail's strength is overnight hard-copy delivery of computer-generated messages. Western Union's EasyLink's strength is its interface into the worldwide Telex system. But neither really provides E-mail in the sense of screen-to-screen electronic mailboxes.

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By Bob Rafaels

June 9, 1984. All hell breaks loose at the offices of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company. Until this minute when the San Francisco office of this Big Eight accounting firm receives an electronic mail (E-mail) message, everyone believes the company has seven months to complete an international transaction.

Suddenly seven months turns into seven short hours. At the stroke of midnight a surprise move by Congress will take effect. New legislation restricting the international transfer of high technology as an effort to help balance the trade deficit, supposedly to take effect Jan. 1, 1985, has been moved forward to June 10.

It's 2 a.m. in Holland, but a company official is roused from his bed. "Round up a couple of attorneys, a banker and corporate notary," he's told. Everyone is spurred to action. The agreement is concluded before deadline both in Europe and in Singapore.

If the shock government action had been communicated by telephone or other conventional means, the message would have reached Peat Marwick offices too late. This story wouldn't have ended so sweetly.

CRITICAL INFO SOURCE

The Washington National Tax Prac-

tice, one of two of Peat Marwick's Washington, D.C. offices, serves as a resource for critical information originating in Washington. They provide the latest updates on IRS rulings or Securities and Exchange Commission actions. It's this staff who first got wind of the international transfer legislation.

These tax experts often are consulted on a crisis basis, and frequently by electronic mail. D.C. partner Peter Elinsky notes most of those requesting tax advice want the answer "yesterday."

Peat Marwick began experimenting with E-mail in 1980. Electronic message delivery is desirable not only because it's quick, but because messages sent don't require someone at the receiving end. A report transmitted during the night can be retrieved immediately.

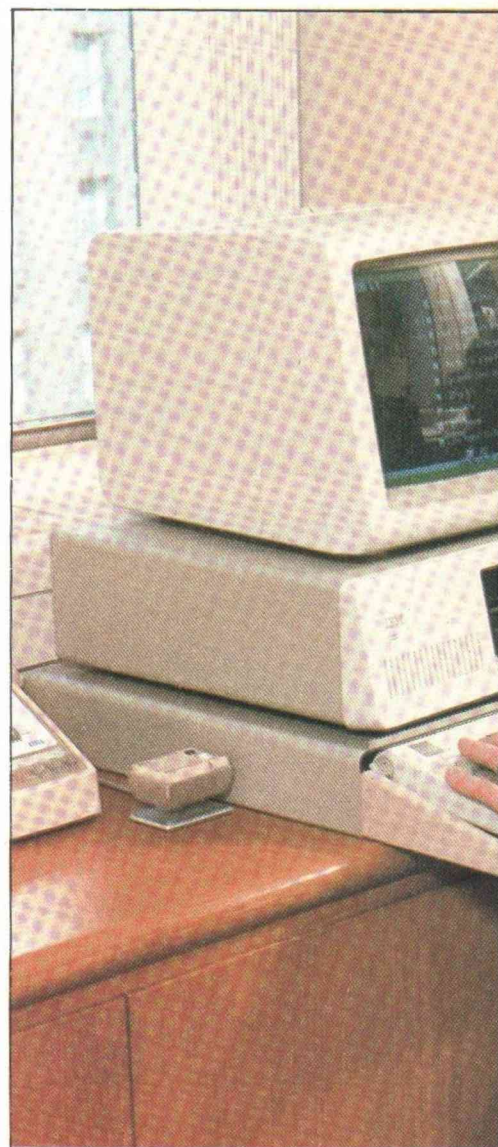
After using E-mail on a limited basis in its tax practice, Peat Marwick began testing systems in 1982. A year later ITT Dialcom is chosen and simultaneously the Model 100 is selected for use with the new communication system.

"Portability" is the 100's attraction, says the partner in charge of information systems services consulting in New York. Bob Gilges adds, "It gives us a low-cost terminal to get us started, and it's able to go along with the consultants who spend most of their time traveling."

GLOBAL LINKS

Peat Marwick's 328 offices around the world depend on international communications using roughly 200 Model 100s and over 4,000 electronic mailboxes.

Over 6,000 microcomputers are used worldwide by the firm. Adding the 100 extends the reach of Peat Marwick's mail network, which formerly operated with larger, less portable terminals. With this growing family of computers and word

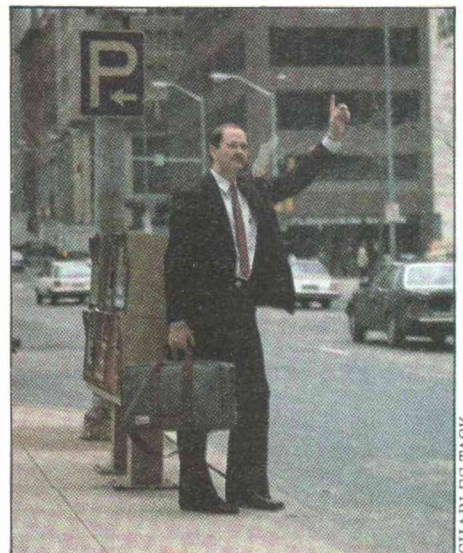


processors, communications gaps are scarce.

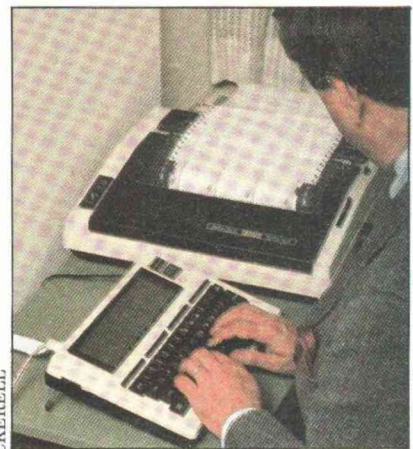
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A traveling Peat Marwick executive can check his or her "mail" and communicate from anywhere in the free world to the home office via the Model 100. Using the 100 and Dialcom's Official Airline Guide/Electronic Edition, the traveler also can check on current airline schedules and fares for itinerary changes.

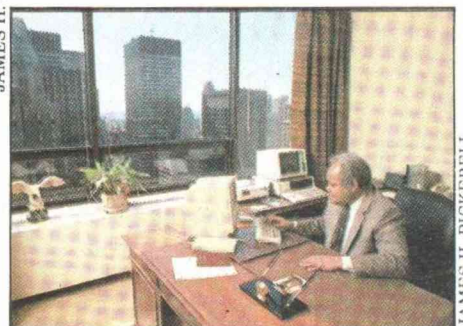
Dialcom also offers the latest news on Associated Press and United Press International newswires and financial market reports. Teletype and TWX messages composed on the 100 can be sent over



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phone lines from any location.

The user-friendly service offers message acknowledgement, carbon copies, blind copies, message forwarding, automatic reply and electronic filing.

Built-in security safeguards are another important feature. And the value-added network provides easy interface with personal computers and communicating word processors.

FASTER THAN PHONING

Initially the firm used electronic mail for routine memo distribution. Today it's a prominent business tool. "Periodically I send messages by E-mail simply because I know it'll be seen before I can reach the parties by telephone," says a Washington, D.C.-based company official. "I can type faster than I can write," Lawrence Herman explains.

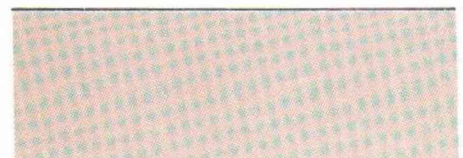
Dialcom lets microcomputers talk to each other. Even if direct plug-compatibility doesn't exist between machines

(such as the 100, Macintosh and IBM PC), "You can create a document on the Macintosh, send it on E-mail and access it on the Radio Shack models," explains Gilges.

Each of Peat Marwick's three major departments — audit, tax and management consulting — uses portables and E-mail extensively to serve clients. The 100 is favored by the firm's most mobile professionals — the management consultants. Gilges estimates that that department uses 75 percent of the firm's 200 Model 100s. They tote their 100s in company-designed computer carrying cases in the firm's burgandy and gray colors, complete with company logo.

Gilges also reports, "I probably sign on three times a day on the average and have a terminal at home as well as at the office." His counterparts in Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Paris, London, Toronto and Latin America are only a keystroke away.

Center: James Chase, director of computer services, receiving overseas transmission. Top: Peat Marwick executive with 100 in the bag. Middle: E-mailing from a Peat Marwick client's office. Bottom: Harold Ritchie, supervisor of administration, sending to a 100 in the field.



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While at a client's office, a management consultant can use his 100 to draft a proposal and plug into a phone line to inquire about that firm's qualifications. The text can be transmitted to the home office where a word processor prepares the draft for review and signing when he returns.

The consultant can also call for help. Gilges says, "We'll go out through E-mail, broadcast to the other offices and say, 'Do you have anybody with this specific type of skill?' and get our responses back through the network."

PHONE TAG OBSOLETE

When it's 9 a.m. in New York, it's 3 p.m. in Paris and 10 p.m. in Hong Kong. Communications by phone are generally impossible. Even international couriers often need two or three days to make deliveries. The members of the Peat Marwick international steering group on information services, located in a number of countries, are connected by E-mail. They communicate efficiently without problems caused by time zone differences.

The frustration of trying to link up with someone across town, country or overseas has been reduced, says Mike McDonald, a partner in the New York office. He notes that requests for informa-

tion not requiring communication are a natural for E-mail. His job is to coordinate audit department equipment and information requests for both hardware and software, so he relies on his electronic mailbox.

Organizing the work of several people no matter where they're located is greatly facilitated by electronic mail—as long as they have their Model 100s. Drafts can be sent out electronically within seconds and answers received within minutes.

Peat Marwick staffers frequently take their 100s home. There they extend their office hours by drafting memos and transmitting them to communicating word processors. First thing in the morning they're ready to put their homework in final form.

Using the 100 gives staff members home access to various data bases. They can load the information into their mailbox or someone else's without leaving their easy chair.

Reading can be caught up too. The electronic bulletin board provided by Dialcom, called PMM Post, is the equivalent of the office bulletin board or in-box.

That same person can read the materials published electronically through the

New York offices. In fact there's an in-house publication that's available only in an electronic version.

E-MAIL SHRINKS WORLD

The 100 isn't just a word processor; it's a communicator. The world continues to grow smaller. As Gilges sums up, "It gives us the ability to talk over time zones, to avoid telephone tag, plus the ability for a consultant to carry the terminal with him or her, and use it while out of town, in flight or at a hotel."

That's not to say pressures imposed by the perennial deadline have lessened. Perhaps they're worse. Now when a deadline has been missed, there are few excuses to use. But with Peat Marwick's 100/E-mail duo, the Big Eight accounting firm doesn't need to fret over deadlines come and gone.

It's 3 a.m. in Majorca. Peat Marwick's man receives an urgent E-mail message. He throws the Model 100 out the window where it crashes on the cliffs and into the pounding surf below. He has narrowly averted another disastrous, sleepless night. □

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Photonet: Home-Front News While On Location

By Bob Rafaels



Photographers are a mobile lot. For many the Model 100 is as necessary as their camera bags.

A New York City-based communications and information network is another tool for 100-toting photographers. Photonet serves professional photographers, stock photo houses, book, magazine and newspaper publishers, advertising agencies and designers.

Patricia Woodson and Len Kaltman diverted their careers as travel and corporate photojournalist and fashion photographer to co-found Photonet. The company went online in September 1983 and now has almost 500 subscribers.

ELECTRONIC CLASSIFIEDS

An editor looking for pictures can follow a screen display that prompts him to enter basic information such as assignment or stock photo, acceptable formats, color or black and white, proposed usage and deadline.

The editor can then enter a detailed de-

scription of the desired photo, using up to 18 lines. The request is posted electronically to any combination of photo sources. Subscribers whose photo meets the description can respond by telephone or electronic mail.

A photographer or agency can post the availability of new photos, each with up to ten lines of detailed description.

Traveling photographers seeking additional assignments can list their itineraries. They also can adjust their travel schedules with the help of the electronic Official Airline Guide which provides schedule and fare information for thousands of domestic and international flights.

The custom-designed system makes available photo industry newsletters and directories. Subscribers can link up with priority customer professional support services offered by Nikon, Kodak and Calumet. The setup also gives subscribers access to a broad selection of services and information of a general nature. □

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Drive weighs only three lbs. and it works directly from the 110 outlet and recharges at the same time. It recharges in six hours with thousands of pages transferred between charges. It's compact, with dimensions of 2¼" x 5½" x 7.5"; and fits easily into your briefcase along with your Model 100 or 200.

Machine code programs, BASIC programs, *Lucid* files and documents all are saved and retrieved with no protocol – instantly, ready to run.

Portability in a disk drive is an engineering feat. It's worth the investment to have the power and freedom that this Portable Disk Drive can bring you.

In a special association, Holmes Engineering and PCSG have worked together combining the hardware knowledge of Holmes and the soft-

ware expertise of PCSG. The result is a product that can only be regarded as excellent.

But what makes the drive so very special is that not only does it allow you to store and access files from RAM, but it has a wonderful feature like you would find only on a desktop computer.

You see the disk directory instantly; works just like the main menu

Here is what is really exciting. The portable disk drive has Random Access. Included as part of the operating system in the drive (ROM) is a very powerful disk BASIC. This BASIC interfaces with the BASIC in your Model 100 in such a way that when the drive is connected they act as one.

This means that you can have BASIC programs that will access the diskette and read and write records directly on the diskette. Your RAM is used for programs while they are running and the data is then stored on the diskette, and only brought up into RAM for viewing or editing.

This means that your Model 100 combined with the portable disk drive is a very powerful data processing system. We have included with the drive six very excellent programs that make that statement a reality.

Just imagine yourself with this kind of capability.

Database – The portable disk drive stores your mailing list including names, addresses, phone numbers and information relevant to those names. You can have over 1500 names and addresses on a single diskette. You can also store inventory items, part #s and descriptions or any other data that you need to recall. You can design your own input screen to fit your needs. You can search for any word and the record or records appears on the Model 100 screen for viewing or editing. You can print out mailing labels or print out in a columnar fashion if you wish. You can merge names and addresses into form letters and print out promotional mailings to all or selected parts of your list.

Invoice (purchase order) – The portable disk drive prints out perfectly prepared invoices or purchase orders. This is an excellent program made possible by the features of the portable drive's operating system. You can have all your customers' names and addresses filed on the diskette or on another diskette. You can have your inventory of items you sell filed on the same or a separate diskette. All you have to do to print an invoice is type in the customer number. Automatically, that name and address is found from the diskette and inserted in the invoice, or

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you can type in any name you don't have in your records. To bill out items you just type in a stock number and the quantity being shipped.

You designate whether an item is taxable or non-taxable. Automatically the item name, description and price per unit are retrieved from the diskette and inserted on the invoice and the extensions are calculated.

358K on a diskette

You can keep entering more item #s and quantities, and you can type in any items or prices that are not on the diskette or need changing. When you have entered the last item, the totals are automatically figured including tax where applicable.

The completed invoice is then stored on the diskette. When you have completed all your invoicing, at the touch of a button you can print out your sequentially numbered, professionally done invoices on easily obtained standard forms. This is truly professional invoicing capability.

Purchase orders are just as easy. Supplier #s retrieve the name and address. Inventory #s automatically bring up the item and the cost. You type in the quantity ordered. You have all the features described in invoice preparation including storing your P.O.s on diskette and printing out beautifully formatted purchase orders with your company name, address and phone number as the letterhead.

Sort - This excellent utility allows you rapid sorting of any records you have compiled using the disk drive database program. You can sort on any file, for example, by last name, or city or zip code. Also, you can sort lists alphabetically or numerically. You can write the newly sorted list back in the same file on the diskette or to a new file.

Telcom interface - If you are a user that likes to access other computers or databases (for example CompuServe) by telephone then this powerful facility alone is worth the price of the disk drive. You can automatically download information from the distant computer onto the diskette. Large files of information are accessed by the program in a way that enables you to bring segments up into RAM for viewing later.

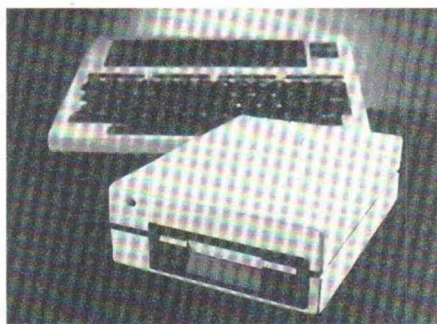
You can also automatically upload to your distant computer files that you have stored on your diskette.

Records or orders compiled on your Model 100 and stored on diskette can be sent over the phone at the touch of a function key.

Calendar - Everyone who has seen this program has said, "This is the first calendar/diary/scheduler on any computer anywhere that I can use. It is so functional."

The calendar program is usable for two reasons, first it is designed correctly, and second you have the memory (358K) on the diskette to log and access a tremendous amount of notes over a long period of time.

It works like this. On your Model 100 screen appears a month's calendar, for example June 1985, complete with all the dates arranged like a wall calendar. You can advance month by month with a function key or change to any month forward or backward any number of years with function key ease.



On any month, on the screen you move the cursor with the arrow keys (like the Main Menu) to the day you want to view or log and press ENTER.

From the diskette immediately is loaded that day's diary. You can review or type in just like text and when your entry is complete, a function key stores your entry on diskette.

By the way, you don't have to know the date of an entry to review it. You have F1 (find) search capability for any word or phrase.

Calendar prints out a nice 8 1/2 x 11" sheet of the daily entries arranged in boxes over a two-week period. You can print these out over any time period you designate. These are great to carry with you or give to your secretary or co-workers for your schedule.

This is a calendar you can use. It is not only a planner and scheduler, but a diary as well. The 358K on a diskette means you can truly keep your activities in a way that you can access and utilize. For most people

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ITT Dialcom: Instant Delivery, Coast to Coast

By J.D. Hildebrand

Based in Silver Spring, Maryland, ITT Dialcom is the world's largest electronic mail service. The company's network of more than 60,000 users stretches across the United States and extends to 10 international locations.

Companies as diverse as Westinghouse, Xerox, Johnson & Johnson, the American Bar Association and Marriott all have chosen Dialcom services to meet their Electronic mail (E-mail) needs. Even the government has gotten into the act — the White House now communicates with 22 federal departments and agencies via ITT Dialcom electronic mailboxes.

The Dialcom system is accessible from virtually any computer, including the Model 100 and Tandy 200. All that's required is a modem.

Local dial-up access is provided in more than four hundred cities through public data networks like Tymnet, Telenet and Uninet. These networks levy a

charge based on connect time and in return provide a local number to reduce long-distance tolls.

Each user has a personal electronic mailbox, an address inside Dialcom's computers in Silver Spring, secured by a private password. E-mail is sent from one mailbox to another.

ADVANCED APPLICATIONS

ITT Dialcom E-mail includes additional features that make it more useful for business computer users. The company's Automated Office System (AOS) includes a text editor, spelling checker, calendar, phone-message system, bulletin board and forms capability. AOS is available to all subscribers.

The text editor and spelling checker allow users to compose messages and reports — and to proofread them for accuracy — online. It includes global changes, insertions, deletions, margin justification and block repositioning.

Alternately, users can create messages before connection using any word processing software. The resulting document can be uploaded to the network for distribution.

The network's calendar system allows corporate users to scan the schedules of as many as 15 people at once, display open time slots, check the availability of meeting rooms or place a meeting in all schedules.

Scheduled items can be tagged as accepted, tentatively accepted, pending, declined, cancelled or reminder.

Dialcom's phone-message management system substitutes for business's omnipresent pink "while you were out" pads. In addition to message details, the electronic pink slip contains information about when the call came in and who took the message.

Because the phone-messaging system works with Dialcom's E-mail services,

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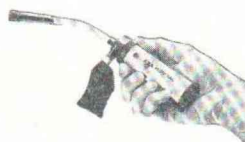
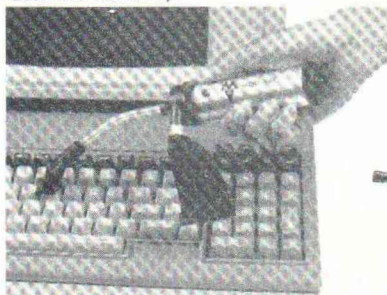
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Programing from A\$ to Z%

With a little BASIC knowledge under your belt, program hunger sets in. A good program source for the Model 100 that'll assuage those pangs is the Model 100 Special Interest Group (SIG) data base on CompuServe. This month's SIG column features a walk-through for those of you new to downloading. Read on if downloading is already part of your computer repertoire.

Bear in mind that a file created by TELCOM's DOWN command is a .DO (document) file. It must be converted to a .BA (BASIC) format before it can be run. It's as if you'd typed a BASIC program using TEXT.

First exit TELCOM using F8 and convert the program from its current ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) format to a compacted format called binary. ASCII is a standard code that represents to a computer the letters A through Z and a through z, the digits zero through nine, punctuation marks and several control functions.

Binary is the only format BASIC understands. To accomplish this use LOAD. Don't confuse this with the cassette load command CLOAD.

You'll save yourself some errors if you scan your program in its .DO file form. Extraneous characters often get transmitted during downloading. These occur at the beginning and end of the file, so they'll be easy to spot.

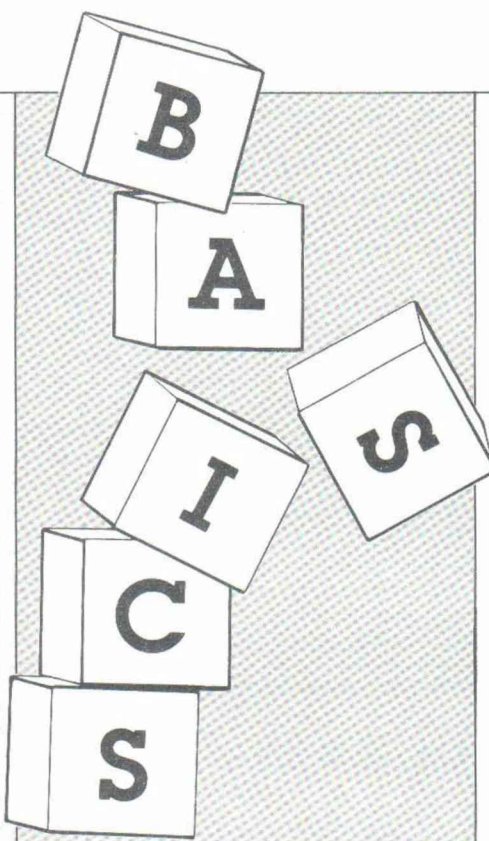
GETTING LOADED, BEING SAVED

Look for anything that isn't a BASIC statement. Typically there'll be extra carriage-return characters — black triangles on their sides — and the SIG command prompt at the end of the file. Use the TEXT editing keys to get rid of these unnecessary figures.

Go into BASIC and LOAD the program by typing LOAD "PROGRM and pressing Enter.

A flashing WAIT indicates the .DO file is being converted to binary format. An 8K or larger program may take a couple of minutes. When the LOAD is completed, "OK" appears.

The SAVE command creates a .BA file and speeds subsequent loading. The file will appear on the menu with the .BA extension. Thereafter you can reach the



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program by moving the menu pointer to the filename and pressing Enter.

Type SAVE "PROGRM, press Enter.

You don't have to specify the .BA extension. The SAVE command automatically appends it to a BASIC program name. Also, you only need to type a quotation mark before the program name. You can type a second one at the end of the filename, but it's optional.

LLIST TO PRINT

The LLIST command prints the program, allowing you to view the entire listing. LLIST stands for Line LIST. In computer jargon line usually refers to a line printer, a printer connected to the default printer port on the computer.

On the Model 100 the parallel printer port is that location. With a printer connected to the computer and turned on,

you're ready to get a printout.

Type LLIST and hit Enter. To suspend the printing at any point, press Shift-Break.

MEMORY MANAGEMENT

With limited memory and directory space, you'll occasionally have to clean house. Once you're finished with a document — either having printed it out or sent it over the telephone — you don't have the luxury of storing archives. That memory space or directory slot is needed for future documents.

To erase files from your memory you must use BASIC, even if you never intend to learn BASIC. The best way to accomplish this is to use two commands, FILES and KILL.

The FILES command lists every .DO and .BA file in your directory. It's a big help having your files in front of you to ensure you're deleting the correct file. To erase one type KILL "LETTER.DO.

Note that you need the quotation mark before the name of the file to be deleted. Also you must specify the extension — .DO in this example.

At this point the directory lists the program twice: PROGRM.DO and PROGRM.BA. Since you probably won't need the .DO copy again, it's good practice to KILL it, freeing up random-access memory (RAM) for other projects. By forcing you to specify the extension, the KILL command double-checks that you're deleting the correct version.

Remember that once you KILL a file from RAM it's gone for good. Files you want to use again must be saved on cassette tape or another mass-storage device such as a disk drive, another microcomputer or the storage area of data bases like CompuServe.

If you are KILLing files to open up a specific memory size — say you want 10,000 bytes for a newspaper story — you can monitor the approximate available memory size while in BASIC. To do this type NEW to clear any extraneous ramblings from the BASIC scratchpad. Then type PRINT FRE(0).

The PRINT command tells the computer to display the results of the FRE(0) command which calculates the amount of free memory.

The amount of memory available to BASIC is slightly less (by 256 bytes) than what's available in a .DO file, but the figure from the FRE(0) command will be close enough.

The zero in the parentheses is a dummy argument. This means you need a number there to indicate you want the numeric memory space, but it doesn't matter what number you use.

Another handy housekeeping chore lets you rename files already created. Let's say you're catching up on your correspondence and have only one letter to write. You open the TEXT file with the name LETTER.DO. Later you need to send another letter to someone else. You've already used the most logical filename on your first letter, so it's more convenient to rename the first one. Make it part of a series — LTR1.DO, LTR2.DO, etc. After displaying all files with the FILES command in BASIC, use the following command: NAME "LETTER.DO" AS "LTR1.DO".

As with KILL you need the quotation mark and the filename extensions as shown. Note that you can't change a .DO file to a .BA file or vice versa with this command. A more complex transformation between ASCII and binary files is

required for that transaction. Finally, to verify that the name change has taken place, issue the files command to receive an updated listing of your directory files.

GREAT TIMING

The main menu contains a great deal of information. When you turn on the computer the clock ticks away the seconds, while both the date and day of the week are clearly visible. For business travelers who find they've got to check the phone book cover in their hotel room to see what city they're in, this continual chronometer is no small assurance.

Setting the clock-calendar takes three separate steps because you set each element — day, date and time — individually. This can be accomplished only in BASIC. Once you set the clock-calendar, the elements work in synchronization.

The computer recognizes the day of the week according to a fixed convention of naming the days. A three-letter abbreviation is used: Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat.

Once you've set the day of the week, the computer automatically increments it at midnight. But the internal program does not compute the day of the week

from the date. If you load an incorrect day of the week, the computer will think that Tuesday is Saturday.

The day-of-the-week feature is really a set-it-and-forget-it parameter unless you cold start your machine. In that case everything reverts back to the non-setting that appears when the computer is initially turned on.

To set the day of the week to Wednesday, for example, enter BASIC and type DAY\$ = "Wed".

The computer is smart enough to take your entry in any combination of capital and lower-case letters and convert them to the above arrangement. Be sure to include the dollar sign and quotation mark.

To verify that your entry was accepted, type PRINT DAY\$. Don't forget the dollar sign.

Entering the date is trickier because a very specific format must be followed. A good reminder is to display what the computer likes to see as a date by typing PRINT DATE\$.

You'll see a date format — such as 09/11/83 — where 09 is the month, 11 is the day and 83 is the year. The three are separated by slashes. Note that each element must be two digits. If, as in our example, the day or month is a single

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digit, then it must be preceded by a zero. To set the date to April 1, 1984 type DATE\$ = "04/01/84."

As with the DAY\$ command, you seldom need to change this element. The date is automatically incremented when the clock strikes midnight, and the computer knows which months have 28, 30 and 31 days. What it does not know is that every four years is a leap year. In February 1988 and every four years thereafter you'll have to reset the DATE\$.

Here's an interesting note about the DATE\$ function. With the current read-only memory (ROM) installed in the computers, the date displayed on the menu screen doesn't go past 1999. At the turn of the century the calendar goes back to Jan. 1, 1900. Eventually this may be corrected with an updated ROM.

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Set the hour to the correct 24-hour notation. Otherwise, the computer may think you're putting in a morning time, and the day/date won't increment until noon the next day.

To see the precise format that must be followed in entering the time, use PRINT TIME\$. Even if you haven't set your clock yet, the computer has been ticking away from 00:00:00 (zero hours, minutes and seconds) ever since the batteries were installed, so there'll be some value displayed on the screen.

The time may show up something like this: 14:25:37. This is the format to follow when entering the correct time. If you want to set the clock against a standard, such as the "At the tone ..." announcement from the phone company, you can.

First select a time a couple of minutes ahead of when you begin typing. The slower a typist you are, the more time you should allow between the moment you start typing and the instant you are going to set the clock. Say it's 7:23 p.m. according to an accurate timepiece. Type

TIME\$ = "19:25:00. Don't press Enter.

You'll be setting the clock to start when the time standard reaches 7:25 p.m. exactly. When you hear the "7:25 exactly" beep from the phone recording, press Enter. This activates the clock. Verify that all went according to plan by going to the menu and watching the seconds tick away. Your clock should be in sync with the next announcement, give or take a few milliseconds. □

12-hour	24-hour
12:00 noon	12:00 noon
1:00 p.m.	13:00
2:00 p.m.	14:00
3:00 p.m.	15:00
4:00 p.m.	16:00
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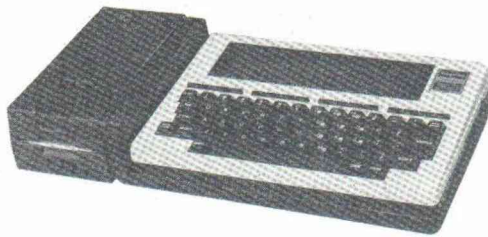
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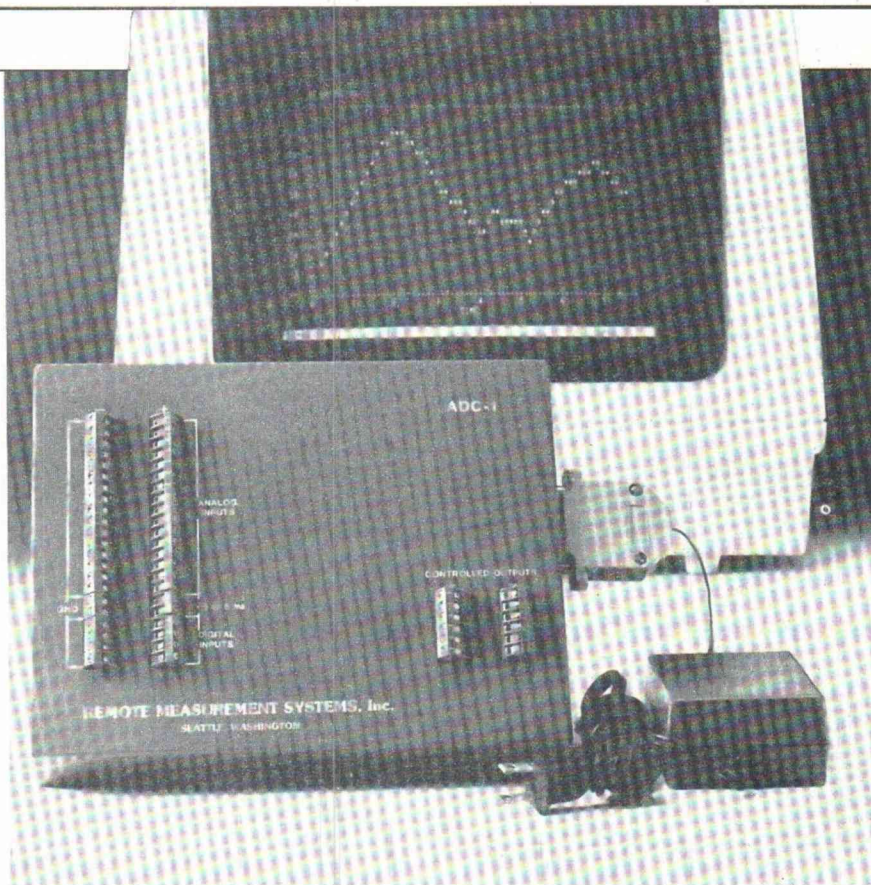
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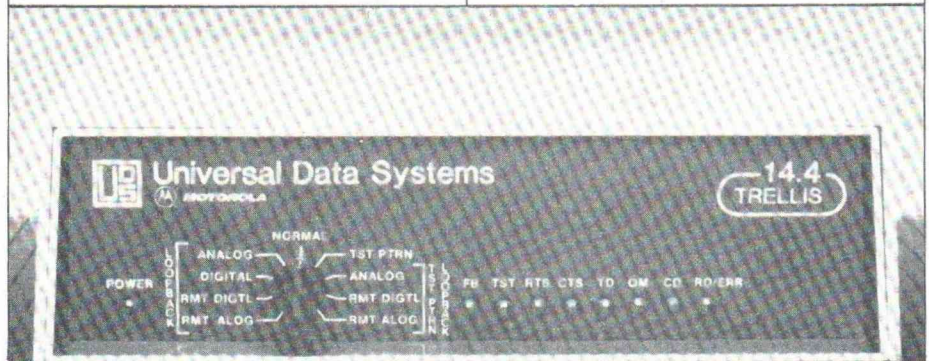
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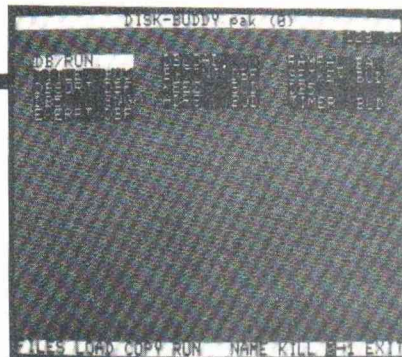
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Karl Harshbarger
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According to Traveling Software's customer support representative, a program to save individual text files through BASIC is possible but not worthwhile. It would require substantial rewriting of T-Backup's machine-language subroutines to allow it to select a single file for saving and loading at high speed. The overhead would cancel the high-speed advantage.

The same overhead would make the writing of a special saving/loading routine unfeasible. If speed's important, you'd appreciate the disk drive all the more. —Ed.

200 is Engineer's Choice

I recently purchased a Tandy 200 which I use frequently at the office where I work as a civil engineer. The ROM-based Multiplan is especially useful. Though we have Visicalc on an Apple III, there are shorter spreadsheet templates that I keep on hand. I wonder if there aren't other engineers who'd find the 200 a logical choice for a second computer?

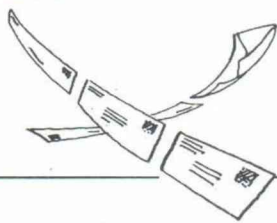
Our profession favors Hewlett-Packard products, but my 200 does all I need for a third of the price. My only complaint is that Microsoft didn't provide either vertical screen splitting capabilities or individually variable column width on the Tandy 200.

I can't get my FX-80 to accept embedded print commands using the ^P format. I wonder if this is a problem with the printer, the computer or me?

Barry Rands
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The Ctrl-P embedded print command should work with all printers, including the Epson FX series. The control code only prints, however, if the file is printed using Save To: LPT, as opposed to Shift-Print.

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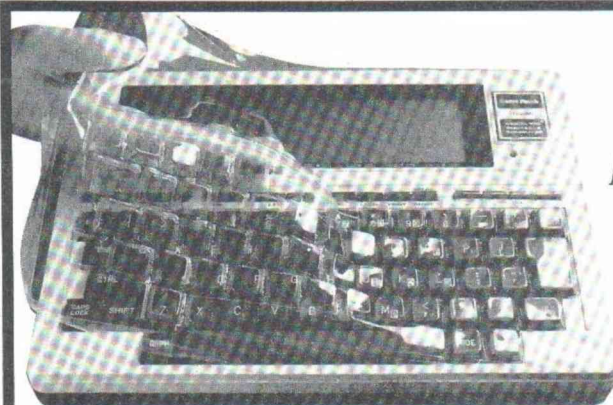
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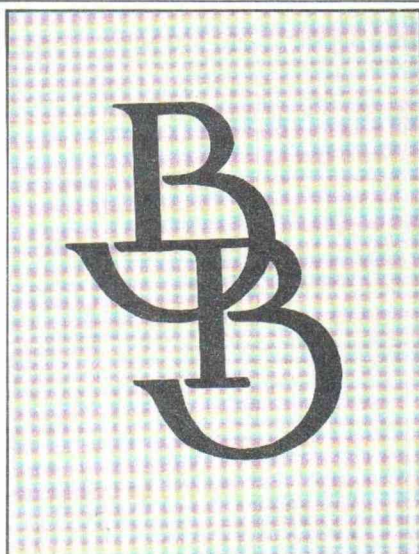
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Docutel/Olivetti, the Dallas-based U.S. distributor of the M-10 and other Olivetti office products, has received a buy-out offer from the Italian computer maker.

Ing. C. Olivetti & Co. currently owns 46 percent of Docutel/Olivetti, with the remainder owned by Docutel principals and other shareholders. Under terms of the proposed buy-out, Olivetti would purchase all outstanding shares at \$5.50 per share.

The buy-out requires the approval of Docutel/Olivetti's board of directors and stockholders. The board of directors has appointed a committee of independent analysts to review the proposal.

Olivetti's offer follows Docutel/Olivetti's disclosure of increased losses for the year ending December 31, 1984. The company sustained a net loss of \$41.9 million on revenues of \$164 million, compared to losses of \$18.3 million on \$221.8 million in 1983 revenues. Loss per share increased from \$2.69 in 1983 to \$6.16 in 1984.

Docutel/Olivetti attributes its losses to decreased sales, the absence of tax benefits (which amounted to more than \$8.1 million in 1983) and expenses related to the start-up and operation of off-premises automatic-teller machine networks.

Despite favorable reviews about its M-10 computer, Olivetti has reportedly discontinued U.S. sales of the Kyocera-designed portable. However, company officials state that the buy-out offer reflects a continuing interest in the U.S. market.

Survey: Readers Talk Back

Two-thirds of Portable 100/200's readers use their Model 100s primarily for business, according to a survey of 2,184 readers conducted by New England-800 Co. during the first quarter of 1985.

New England-800 responds to Portable 100/200 reader queries and accepts subscription orders over the telephone. As part of its service the company asks

readers a series of questions, then issues a quarterly summary to the editors.

Ninety-two percent of the first-quarter callers said they own Model 100s, with about ten percent claiming NEC PC-8201 ownership and fewer than two percent identifying the Olivetti M-10 as their chosen portable. Six percent of the callers report using a different briefcase computer.

Portable 100/200 readers are a sociable bunch. About three-quarters use 100s to communicate with other computers. Most surveys of modem-owning computer users find that fewer than one-quarter utilize the telecommunication capabilities.

The most significant findings for Portable 100/200's editors are those revealing how readers use their 100s. One-third of the survey sample specified personal applications as most important, with the remaining two-thirds identifying the 100 as a business tool.

This business orientation also is seen in responses to questions about Portable 100/200's contents. Nearly half the readers picked "business applications" as a valuable component of the publication, with 38 percent responding "programming" and 34 percent answering "telecommunications." Interfacing concerns were fourth at 29 percent, with home applications identified as important to 26 percent.

Coverage of the computer market was judged unimportant by most readers. Only 13 percent said Portable 100/200 would better suit their needs with more articles about the industry.

The 100's built-in TEXT, TELCOM and BASIC, in that order, were identified as the primary programs readers use. The only other application reported in significant numbers was financial planning. Sixteen percent of the respondents mentioned it as their primary reason for using the 100.

Modems à la Dick Tracy

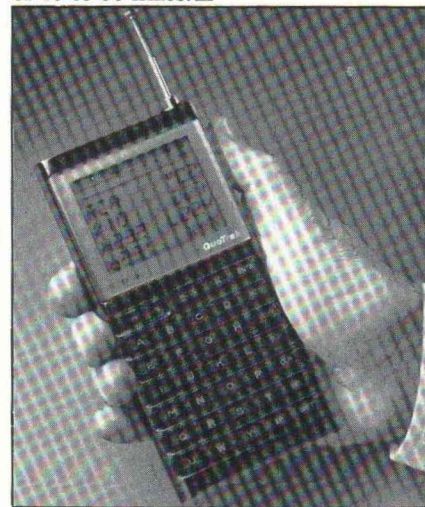
Radio-frequency (RF) modems use radio waves instead of telephone wires to carry computer signals. Already used in portable pagers and terminals, new devices with greater signal-carrying range are being developed for broader applications. Though computer applications are still in experimental stages, prototype studies show that RF modems may be the most important development for portables since battery power.

RF modems work like telephone modems, which translate binary signals into matched tones that are introduced into the telephone system acoustically or via direct connection. Variations in frequency indicate the actual binary signal being sent.

By sending tones through radio transmitters and receivers, RF modems alter tonal frequencies to produce the required binary message. Computers communicate over radio waves exactly as if they were using conventional modems. To the computers involved, there's no difference; radio waves have simply replaced telephone wire.

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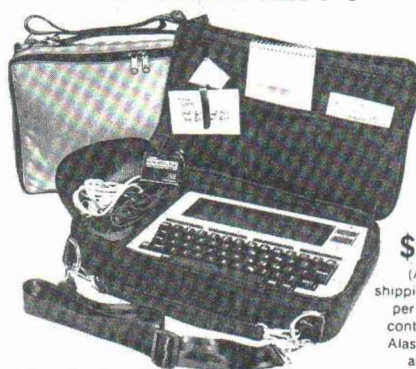
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The bubble module holds seven AA batteries that are accessible through hatches in the bottom of the unit. According to SoundSight, the batteries power the Model 100 as well as the bubble module, allowing users to replace discharged cells without removing the Magnetic Bubble Memory case.

The operating instructions included with the Magnetic Bubble Memory specify that Duracell batteries must be used with the unit. Other batteries, SoundSight says, "have a large internal resistance and may not work."

Users may also choose Eveready SF 500 or SF 15 batteries, which are rechargeable. However, the operator must be careful not to attempt to recharge conventional batteries, as they may rupture and damage the computer, the bubble module or both.

The documentation that comes with the Magnetic Bubble Memory gives complete installation instructions, but lacks diagrams. A warning — "Make sure that you do not plug the 40 pin connector in backwards as it will destroy the bubble memory components" — coupled

with the lack of illustrations restricts installation to the bold.

The bubble module's machine-language operating system is stored above the 100's high memory (HIMEM). This makes the unit incompatible with other programs that use HIMEM locations for program code or data. Users access the operating system with a CALL command from within BASIC.

The operating system organizes the bubble's contents into five 19-file menu pages. Users specify which page to view on the Model 100's screen and, optionally, on which page to store saved programs or text files. This is analogous to the MS-DOS subdirectory structure and is a nice touch.

The software also saves RAM files, including TEXT-created document files, in bubble memory.

The supplied software is written in machine language, so it isn't compatible with programs from Portable Computer Support Group and other companies who use machine-language routines. Running any of these programs obliterates the operating system. SoundSight recommends that users store the operating system as a .CO file, run other programs, clear HIMEM and then reload it.

TOUCHING, FEELING

Despite its limitations, the SoundSight Magnetic Bubble Memory has the potential to be a valuable peripheral for Model 100 users. Its APPEND feature allows users to create text files hundreds of kilobytes long, and its CHAIN command lets users combine short BASIC code segments, emulating programs much too long to run on a standard Model 100. The device works faster and more reliably than disk drives.

The production version of the unit supplied to Portable 100/200 after deadline seems, after a quick inspection, to remedy some of the prototype's flaws.

Bubble modules are more expensive than portable disk drives and are more limited because the bubble can't be removed and exchanged. The benefits are enhanced portability, long battery life and high reliability.

For users who work frequently with a large data base, a bubble module could be the ideal solution.

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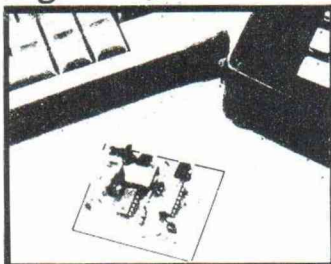
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REVIEWS

ingly complex installation procedures make it less than ideal.

SoundSight has not, in our opinion, demonstrated its ability to deliver the Magnetic Bubble Memory to market in a timely, professional way. The bugs in the first system supplied to Portable 100/200 rendered it useless for any serious application. The second system arrived too late for thorough testing. Until there is some assurance that the bugs have been exterminated the product can't be recommended. □

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The only trick missing is that Ctrl-S

doesn't backspace. Randy More, author of Lapstar, says that since the Model 100 has an absolute interrupt of X-off when it sees Ctrl-S, he couldn't use it for the backspace command. But Ctrl-H or Backspace solves the problem.

Despite Lapstar's smaller character size, the display is easy to read. And while the 100's screen normally displays 320 characters Lapstar displays up to 600 characters.

Lapstar uses about 4K of machine code and offers two options when loaded. Save it directly to memory with a small execution pointer file, or store it as a machine-code program that must be loaded into memory with each use. The latter requires additional overhead.

Since other machine-language programs reside in the same memory locations as Lapstar, Lapstar will have to be reloaded each time from tape or from a separate machine-language file. If Lapstar is your only machine-language program, save it directly to memory.

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Y kills a file.
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P prints a file.

CURSOR CONTROLS

The Lapstar cursor commands disable and replace the 100 cursor controls:

Ctrl-D moves the cursor one space to the right.

Ctrl-H moves the cursor one space to the left.

Ctrl-E moves the cursor up one line.

Ctrl-X moves the cursor down one line.

Ctrl-F moves the cursor one word to the right.

Ctrl-A moves the cursor one word to the left.

Ctrl-W scrolls the screen up one line.

Ctrl-Z scrolls the screen down one line.

Ctrl-R moves the cursor up one screen.

Ctrl-C moves the cursor down one screen.

Ctrl-QE moves the cursor to the top of the screen.

Ctrl-QX moves the cursor to the bot-

tom of the screen.

Ctrl-QC moves the cursor to the bottom of the file.

Ctrl-QR moves the cursor to the top of the file.

Ctrl-QD moves the cursor to the right end of the line.

Ctrl-QS moves the cursor to the left end of the line.

If unfamiliar, the control codes may seem cumbersome. But the advantage they provide is that you don't have to reposition your hands to perform the text-processing functions.

FIND

Lapstar has no replace function. To FIND a particular string press Ctrl-QF.

Ctrl-L moves the cursor to the next occurrence of that string. Ctrl-Q 0-9 moves the cursor to the appropriate marker.

These block moves are included:

Ctrl-KB sets the block start.

Ctrl-KK sets the block end.

Ctrl-KC copies the block to the cursor location.

Ctrl-KY deletes the marked block.

Ctrl-KV moves the block to the cursor location.

Ctrl-K 0-9 sets markers.

PRINTING

Lapstar's formatting options are limited to setting the width of the column and the length of the page. For more sophisticated printing a program such as Write+ is recommended.

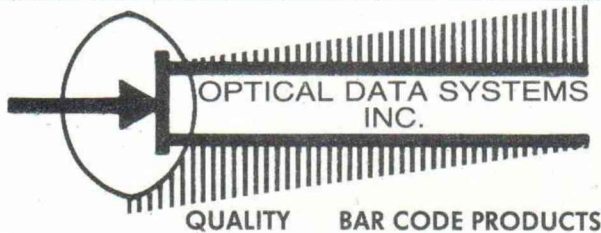
Lapstar uses a standard .DO file. If your print formatter uses dot commands, you can enter them with Lapstar and print with your other program.

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Lapstar has a couple of quirks but no apparent bugs. When scrolling, the program sometimes takes you past the end of the file where the memory contents are shown. If this occurs, terminate and start again. The biggest hassle for this reviewer was to not press Ctrl-S for backspace and to use instead the back-space key or Ctrl-H.

Lapstar is a fantastic program. And Lapstar with the Model 100 easily matches more expensive text-processing combinations.

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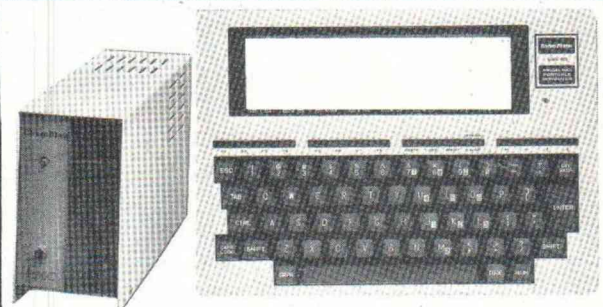
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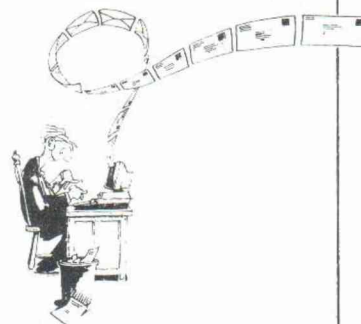
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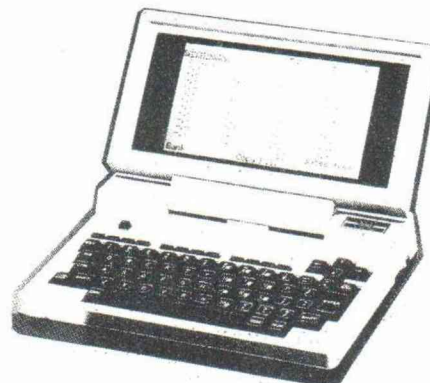
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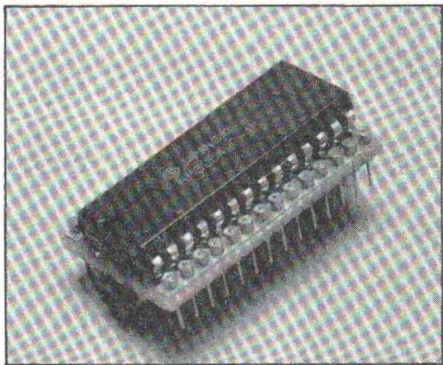
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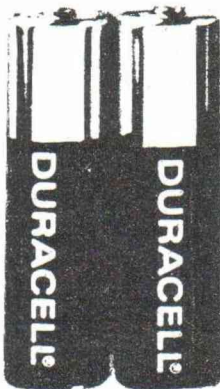
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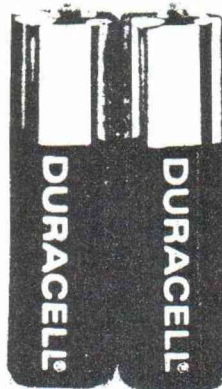
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Dialcom's software, which is written in Fortran and runs on Prime mainframes, is stored separately from user files. According to Dialcom, users can't modify the software to allow unauthorized access to protected information.

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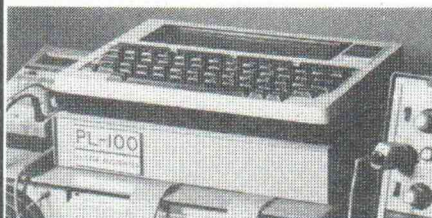
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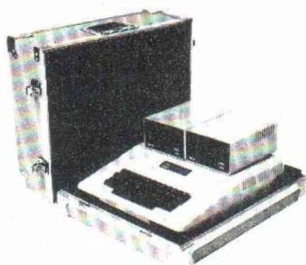
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0003 'MENU',0
0018 RST 3 - Compares HL and DE and sets flags accordingly
      IF HL < DE, Carry is set, Zero is reset
      IF HL = DE, Carry is reset, Zero is set
      IF HL > DE, Carry is reset, Zero is reset
001E PRINT A SPACE CHARACTER
      Entry Conditions: None
      Exit Conditions: A register contains 20
0020 RST 4 - PRINT THE CHARACTER IN THE A REGISTER
      Entry Conditions: A holds character to be printed
      Exit Conditions: None
0038 RST 7 - Jumps to 9C85 where byte following RST 7 instruction
      is used to calculate offset into branch table starting at
      F507. Control returns to a point 2 bytes after RST 7
      instruction. First 63 addresses in branch table point to
      Return instruction. Next 16 addresses in table point to
      BASIC's PC error routine
0080 TABLE OF BASIC KEYWORDS - First Character of each has high-
      bit set. Extends to 025F
031C TABLE OF BASIC ERROR CODES - Extends to 0359
0415 'Error',0
041C 'in ',0
0421 'Ok',CR,LF,0
0426 'Break',0
0488 DISPLAY ERROR MESSAGE - E holds error code
0653 SEARCH FOR A BASIC LINE NUMBER
      Entry Conditions: EF67 holds start address of BASIC program.
      DE has line number to search for
      Exit Conditions: BC has address to insert new line. Carry is
      set if line exists, else reset. HL has address of next line
0671 TOKENIZE A BASIC LINE
      Entry Conditions: HL points to untokenized line
      Exit Conditions: Tokenized line stored at EF6C
0C9F '2Redo from start',CR,LF,0
0DC9 '?Extra ignored',CR,LF,0
1013 CONVERT CHARACTER POINTED TO BY HL TO UPPERCASE
      Entry Conditions: HL points to character to be converted
      Exit Conditions: A register holds character. Character
      converted to its uppercase equivalent
1014 CONVERT CHARACTER IN A TO UPPERCASE
      Entry Conditions: A holds character to be converted
      Exit Conditions: Character converted to uppercase
12F7 WAIT FOR CHARACTER FROM THE KEYBOARD
      Entry Conditions: None
      Exit Conditions: Zero flag set if Function key was pressed
      Reset if normal key. A register holds value for key pressed
1549 POWER OFF AND RESUME WHEN POWER IS TURNED BACK ON
      Entry Conditions: None
      Exit Conditions: None
1590 SEND CHARACTER TO LINE PRINTER (TABS NOT EXPANDED TO SPACES)
      Entry Conditions: A register has character to be printed
      Exit Conditions: None
15C0 TURN ON CASSETTE MOTOR
      Entry Conditions: None
      Exit Conditions: DE and AF are altered
15C2 TURN OFF CASSETTE MOTOR
      Entry Conditions: None
      Exit Conditions: DE and AF are altered
15C8 READ A CHARACTER FROM CASSETTE AND UPDATE CHECKSUM
      Entry Conditions: C has current checksum
      Exit Conditions: A has character, C has updated checksum
15D9 SEND A CHARACTER TO CASSETTE AND UPDATE CHECKSUM
      Entry Conditions: A has character to be sent, C has current
      checksum
      Exit Conditions: C has updated checksum
1A7E READ SYSTEM TIME INTO BUFFER
      Entry conditions: HL points to 8-byte buffer to receive time
      Exit Conditions: HL = HL + 8, all other registers are altered
1A9E READ SYSTEM DATE INTO BUFFER
      Entry conditions: HL points to 8-byte buffer to receive date
      Exit Conditions: HL = HL + 8, all other registers are altered
1AC5 READ SYSTEM DAY INTO BUFFER
      Entry conditions: HL points to 3-byte buffer to receive day
      Exit conditions: All registers altered
21AF 'It's time to run '
2310 PC ERROR ROUTINE
2658 PRINT CHARACTERS TILL CR, EOF OR VALUE IN B IS REACHED
      Entry Conditions: HL points to characters to be printed. B
      has maximum number of characters to be printed
      Exit Conditions: The characters are printed until:
      (1) A carriage return is reached
      (2) An End of File marker (hex 1A) is reached
      (3) The number of characters specified in B are reached
      If condition 1 or 2 cause the return, HL will point to
      character that caused return. If condition 3 causes return,
      HL = HL + B
2697 RESET POWER DOWN COUNTER
      Entry Conditions: None
  
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ROM MAP

26A4	Exit Conditions: A is altered KEY LIST Entry Conditions: None Exit Conditions: A is altered
26C6	PRINT PRINTABLE CHARACTERS FOR LENGTH IN B Entry Conditions: HL points to characters to be printed. B has number of characters to be printed Exit Conditions: Only characters greater than 31 are printed. Other characters replaced with spaces. HL and B are altered
2946	DUMP SCREEN CONTENTS TO PRINTER Entry Conditions: None Exit Conditions: All registers altered
2A2A	DISPLAY VISIBLE FILES Entry Conditions: None Exit Conditions: All registers except HL are altered
2AB4	KILL A TEXT (.DO) FILE Entry Conditions: DE points to files storage address. HL points to directory entry flag Exit Conditions: None
2B2C	KILL A FILE Entry Conditions: HL points to files directory entry. File must be determined as either .BA, .DO or .CO file Exit Conditions: All registers altered
2D6B	'NOTE.D0'
2D7C	CREATE A TEXT FILE Entry Conditions: Filename is stored at F746. .DO extension not required Exit Conditions: HL has start address of new file. DE has address of directory entry flag. Carry flag is set if file already existed, otherwise reset
31F1	'Verify failed',CR,LF,0
32D2	BEEP AND GO TO THE MAIN MENU Entry Conditions: None Exit Conditions: None
333A	'Top: ',0
3340	'End: ',0
3346	'Exe: ',0
3464	'Found: ',0
346B	'Skip: ',0
4198	LOAD BC AND DE FROM LOCATION POINTED TO BY HL Entry Conditions: HL points to value to be put into C. HL + 1 holds value for B, HL + 2 holds value for E, HL + 3 holds value for D Exit Conditions: HL = HL + 4
41A1	LOAD DE AND BC FROM LOCATION POINTED TO BY HL Entry Conditions: HL points to value to be put into E. HL + 1 holds value for D, HL + 2 holds value for C, HL + 3 holds value for B Exit Conditions: HL = HL + 4
41BA	MOVE BLOCK OF MEMORY FROM DE TO HL IN AN INCREASING MANNER Entry Conditions: DE points to block to be moved. HL points to area to receive block. B holds length of block to be moved. If B = 0, 256-byte block will be moved Exit Conditions: HL = HL + B, DE = DE + B, B = 0. Block of memory has been moved
41C3	MOVE BLOCK OF MEMORY FROM DE TO HL IN A DECREASING MANNER Entry Conditions: DE points to end of block to be moved. HL points to end of area to receive block. B holds length of block to be moved. If B = 0, 256-byte block will be moved Exit Conditions: HL = HL - B, DE = DE - B, B = 0. Block of memory has been moved
4703	PRINTS " in " AND THE VALUE IN THE HL REGISTERS
470B	CONVERT BINARY VALUE IN HL AND DISPLAY IT Entry Conditions: HL holds binary value Exit Conditions: ASCII representation of binary value is displayed at current cursor location. All registers altered
4E0C	CHECK FOR UPPERCASE ALPHABETIC CHARACTER Entry Conditions: HL points to the character to be checked Exit Conditions: Carry is set if uppercase, reset if not
4E0D	CHECK FOR UPPERCASE ALPHABETIC CHARACTER Entry Conditions: A register holds character to be checked Exit Conditions: Carry is set if uppercase, reset if not
4E3E	PRINT CARRIAGE RETURN AND LINE FEED Entry Conditions: None Exit Conditions: A register altered
4F45	BEEP Entry Conditions: None Exit Conditions: A register altered
4F49	HOME CURSOR Entry Conditions: None Exit Conditions: A register altered
4F4D	CLEAR SCREEN AND HOME CURSOR Entry Conditions: None Exit Conditions: A register altered
4F54	SET SYSTEM LINE Entry Conditions: None Exit Conditions: A register altered
4F59	RESET SYSTEM LINE Entry Conditions: None Exit Conditions: A register altered
4F5E	LOCK OUT SCREEN SCROLL Entry Conditions: None

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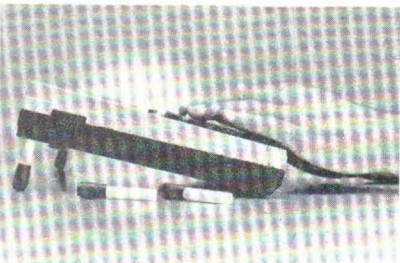
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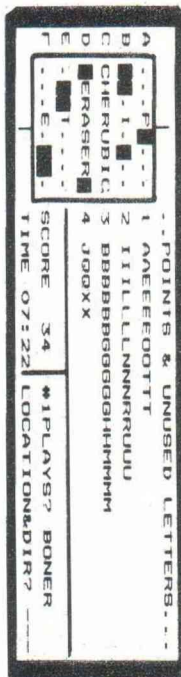
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4F63	Exit Conditions: A register altered
	ENABLE SCREEN SCROLL
	Entry Conditions: None
	Exit Conditions: A register altered
4F68	TURN ON CURSOR
	Entry Conditions: None
	Exit Conditions: A register altered
4F6D	TURN OFF CURSOR
	Entry Conditions: None
	Exit Conditions: A register altered
4F72	DELETE CURRENT LINE
	Entry Conditions: None
	Exit Conditions: A register altered
4F77	INSERT LINE
	Entry Conditions: None
	Exit Conditions: A register altered
4F7C	ERASE TO END OF LINE
	Entry Conditions: None
	Exit Conditions: A register altered
4F88	TURN ON REVERSE VIDEO
	Entry Conditions: None
	Exit Conditions: A register altered
4F8D	TURN OFF REVERSE VIDEO
	Entry Conditions: None
	Exit Conditions: A register altered
4F8F	PRINT CHR\$ (27) AND THE CHARACTER IN THE A REGISTER
	Entry Conditions: None
	Exit Conditions: None
4F96	POSITION CURSOR TO THE BOTTOM LEFT CORNER OF THE SCREEN
	Entry Conditions: None
	Exit Conditions: None
4F9B	POSITION CURSOR
	Entry Conditions: L register holds row (1-16), H register holds column (1-40)
	Exit Conditions: AF altered
4EC4	SET AND DISPLAY FUNCTION KEYS
	Entry Conditions: HL points to function key definitions.
	Exit Conditions: All registers altered
4FC7	DISPLAY FUNCTION KEYS
	Entry Conditions: None
	Exit conditions: All registers altered
4FA9	ERASE FUNCTION KEY DISPLAY
	Entry Conditions: None
	Exit Conditions: All registers altered
54F0	PROMPT WITH QUESTION MARK AND GET A LINE FROM THE KEYBOARD
	Entry Conditions: None
	Exit Conditions: Same as 54F6
54F6	GET A LINE FROM THE KEYBOARD TERMINATED WITH ENTER
	Entry conditions: None
	Exit conditions: Characters entered are stored starting at location EF70. String of characters is terminated with binary zero. B register holds length of string plus 1. HL points to one character before string storage area, EF6F
	If operation was terminated with SHIFT/BREAK, Carry flag will be set and location EF70 will hold binary zero
5A05	PRINT THE CHARACTER IN THE A REGISTER
	Entry Conditions: A holds character to be printed
	Exit Conditions: None
5A14	SEND CHARACTER TO LINE PRINTER (TABS EXPANDED TO SPACES)
	Entry Conditions: A register holds character to be printed
	Exit Conditions: None
5DC1	FILL A BLOCK OF MEMORY WITH BINARY ZEROS
	Entry Conditions: HL points to area to be filled with zeros, B contains length of block to be filled. If B contains 0 when routine is called, 256-byte block will be filled with zeros
	Exit Conditions: HL = HL + B, B = 0, A = 0
5DC2	FILL A BLOCK OF MEMORY WITH ANY VALUE
	Entry Conditions: HL points to area to be filled, A contains value to fill with and B contains length of block to be filled. If B contains 0 when this routine is called, 256-byte block of memory will be filled
	Exit Conditions: HL = HL + B, B = 0
5FA8	DEVICE TABLE - 'LCD',FF
	'CRT',FE
	'CAS',FD
	'COM',FC
	'WAND',FB
	'DPT',FA
	'MDM',F9
	'RAM',F8
5FFD	TELCOM ENTRY POINT
6033	'Telcom:',0
603C	'STAT',6077
6042	'TERM',6378
6048	'CALL',612D
604E	'FIND',614B
6054	'MENU',67A4
605B	TELCOM FUNCTION KEY DEFINITIONS - SET 1
6077	TELCOM'S STAT ROUTINE
60B7	'0 pps',0
6142	'Calling ',0
61BA	DISCONNECT PHONE LINE
	Entry conditions: None

ROM MAP

6100 Exit Conditions: AF and B are altered
CONNECT PHONE LINE
Entry Conditions: None

622B Exit Conditions: AF and B are altered
DIAL PHONE NUMBER
Entry Conditions: HL points to ASCII string consisting of
phone number to be dialed. Terminate string with binary zero
Exit Conditions: DE points to last character in phone number
string. HL points to zero terminator. Other registers altered

632A DIAL A SINGLE DIGIT
Entry Conditions: A has ASCII number to be dialed
Exit Conditions: All registers are altered

6378 TELCOMS TERM ROUTINE

648A FUNCTION KEY JUMP TABLE WHEN IN TERM MODE
Extends to 6499

649A F6 (blank) in TELCOM's TERM mode

649D F1 (Prev) in TELCOM's TERM mode

64B8 F4 (Full) in TELCOM's TERM mode

64CA F5 (Echo) in TELCOM's TERM mode

64FD 'FullHalfEcho', 'CR', 'Wait', 0

6517 F3 (Up) in TELCOM's TERM mode

6608 F2 (Down) in TELCOM's TERM mode

66C2 F7 (Brk) in TELCOM's TERM mode

66DB F8 (Bye) in TELCOM's TERM mode

674D CR, LF, 'Lost carrier', CR, LF, 0

675E 'File to Upload', 0

676D 'File to Download', 0

677E 'aborted', CR, LF, 0

6789 'No file', CR, LF, 0

6793 'Disconnect', 0

67A4 MENU ENTRY ADDRESS

67F3 ' ', 0

6802 ' (C)Microsoft', 0

6845 '---', 0

6869 MENU FUNCTION KEY DEFINITIONS

6903 'Destination bank: ', 1B, 4B, 0

6961 TABLE OF ERROR MESSAGE LOCATIONS (10 bytes)

696B 'No target bank', 0

697A 'Target not initialized', 0

6991 'File exists', 0

69AC 'Memory full', 0

69B8 'Cannot copy NOTE.DO', 0

69F0 'Are you sure ? (Y/N)', 1B, 4B, 0

6A91 DETERMINE AND PRINT LENGTH OF ANY FILE
Entry Conditions: HL points to subject files directory entry
Exit Conditions: HL has length of file

6AA9 DETERMINE AND PRINT LENGTH OF A BASIC FILE
Entry Conditions: HL points to start of file
Exit Conditions: HL has length of file

6AB9 DETERMINE AND PRINT LENGTH OF A TEXT FILE
Entry Conditions: HL points to start of file
Exit Conditions: HL has length of file

6AC7 DETERMINE AND PRINT LENGTH OF A MACHINE-LANGUAGE FILE
Entry Conditions: HL points to start of file
Exit Conditions: HL has length of file

6CA9 'SCHEDL', 0

6D22 CONVERT A STRING OF CHARACTERS TO ITS UPPERCASE EQUIVALENT
Entry Conditions: DE points to string of characters to be
converted. String must be terminated with binary zero
Exit Conditions: DE points to binary zero terminator, C =
number of characters in the string, including terminator.
A is altered

6D51 POSITION CURSOR TO PRINT FILENAME ON MENU
Entry Conditions: A has the file number (0-51)
Exit Conditions: Cursor is positioned accordingly

6DA1 PRINT TIME AND DATE AT CURRENT CURSOR POSITION
Entry Conditions: None
Exit Conditions: All registers altered

6DF6 PRINT A STRING OF CHARACTERS
Entry Conditions: HL points to string of characters to be
printed. String must be terminated with a binary zero
Exit Conditions: HL points to the zero terminator, A = 0

6DFE PRINT A STRING OF CHARACTERS AND CONTINUE
Entry Conditions: String of characters to be printed must
be stored directly after CALL 6DFE instruction and terminated
with binary zero
Exit Conditions: Program flow continues with first instruction
following binary zero terminator

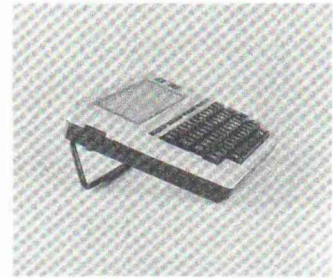
6E06 MOVE BLOCK OF MEMORY
Entry Conditions: DE points to block to be moved. HL points to
area to receive block. A contains length of block to be moved
Exit Conditions: DE = DE + A, HL = HL + A, A = 0

6E11 COMPARE STRINGS
Entry Conditions: DE points to first string. HL points to
second string. C holds the maximum number of characters to be
compared
Exit Conditions: Zero flag is set if strings are equal, reset
if not

6E1D CLEAR FUNCTION KEY DEFINITION TABLE
Entry Conditions: None
Exit Conditions: DE and HL are altered

6E20 SET FUNCTION KEY DEFINITIONS
Entry Conditions: HL points to table of function key

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Software for
Model 100, Olivetti M10
NEC PC 8201A



ROM MAP

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definitions. Each definition has 16-character maximum length
High bit of last character of each definition must be set.
Specify strings for all 8 function keys. If function key is
to be blank, use 80
Exit Conditions: DE and HL are altered
6E42 DISPLAY FUNCTION KEY TABLE (IF ENABLED)
Entry Conditions: If byte at location EF0A is other than
zero, table will be displayed, otherwise not
Exit Conditions: All registers altered
6E4F SEARCH DIRECTORY FOR A FILE
Entry Conditions: DE points to filename to be located
Filename must end with binary zero terminator. A register
has length of filename including zero terminator
Exit Conditions: HL points to files directory entry. Zero flag
= 0 if file found, 1 if not found
6E8C GET A FILES STORAGE ADDRESS
Entry Conditions: HL points to files directory entry
Exit Conditions: HL points to beginning of files storage area
6E92 'JanFebMarAprMayJunJulAugSepOctNovDec'
6EB6 FILE TYPE TABLE - B0,P0,C0,80,A0,00
6EC5 BASIC'S INITIAL FUNCTION KEY DEFINITIONS
The last character of each definition has the high bit set
6EE7 ADDRESS ENTRY POINT
6EED SCHEDL ENTRY POINT
6F16 'not found',0
7030 'NOTE',0
7035 'SchdADRS',0
70D7 'ADRS:DO',0
70DF 'ADrs:',0
70E6 'Schd:',0
70ED 'FIND',6F9E
70F3 'LFND',6FA0
70F9 'EDIT',7000
70FF 'MENU',67A4
7106 'NOTE.D0',0
710E ADDRESS FUNCTION KEY DEFINITIONS - SET 1
7128 ADDRESS FUNCTION KEY DEFINITIONS - SET 2
719D TEXT ENTRY POINT
71C4 CR,'File to edit',1B,4B,0
71D4 BLANK SET OF FUNCTION KEY DEFINITIONS
71DC TEXT FUNCTION KEY DEFINITIONS
72EE 'Text ill-formed',BEEP,0
72FF CR,LF,'Press space bar for ',0
7316 'TEXT',0
7492 'Memory full',BEEP,0
79C3 'No match',0
79CC 'String:',0
7D03 BEEP,'Press space bar to continue',0
7D2C 'Print format',0
7D39 'Width:',0
7D40 'Left-margin:',0
7D4D 'Page size:',0
7D58 'Line/Page:',0
7D63 'Top margin:',0
7D6F 'Continuous Y/N?',0
7DFF 'Save to:',0
7E9E 'Load from:',0
829C INSERT A CHARACTER INTO A FILE
Entry Conditions: A has character to be inserted. HL
points to location to insert character
Exit Conditions: HL = HL + 1. Carry is set if out of memory
82A8 INSERT A SPECIFIED NUMBER OF SPACES INTO A FILE
Entry Conditions: BC has number of spaces to be inserted.
HL points to location to insert spaces
Exit Conditions: HL and BC are preserved. Carry is set if out
of memory
82DA DELETE CHARACTERS FROM A FILE
Entry Conditions: BC = number of characters to delete, HL
points to address to begin deletion
Exit Conditions: Characters deleted, BC and HL preserved
8316 MOVE A BLOCK OF MEMORY IN AN INCREASING MANNER
Entry Conditions: HL points to block of memory to be moved, DE
points to area to receive block, BC holds length of block to
be moved. If BC equals 0, 65536 bytes will be moved
Exit Conditions: HL = HL + BC, DE = DE + BC, BC = 0
8321 MOVE A BLOCK OF MEMORY IN A DECREASING MANNER
Entry Conditions: HL points to end of block of memory to be
moved, DE points to end of area to receive block, BC holds
length of block to be moved. If BC equals 0, 65536 bytes will
be moved
Exit Conditions: HL = HL - BC, DE = DE - BC, BC = 0
832C INITIAL DIRECTORY ENTRIES
838F ENTRY POINT FOR BASIC
83B8 'l1ist',CR,0
841C COLD START RESET
Entry conditions: None
Exit Conditions: Everything altered
84C9 SEND CHARACTER TO THE LINE PRINTER
Entry Conditions: A register has character to be printed
Exit Conditions: None
8508 CHECK RS232 QUEUE FOR CHARACTERS
Entry Conditions: None
Exit Conditions: A equals number of characters in queue. Zero
flag is set if no characters pending, otherwise reset

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8519  GET A CHARACTER FROM RS232 RECEIVE QUEUE
      Entry Conditions: None
      Exit Conditions: A has character. Zero flag is set if no
      error, reset if error (PE,FF or OF). Carry is set if BREAK
      pressed, else reset
8608  SEND AN XON RESUME CHARACTER (CTRL Q)
      Entry Conditions: None
      Exit Conditions: None
8617  SEND AN XOFF PAUSE CHARACTER (CTRL S)
      Entry Conditions: None
      Exit Conditions: None
8624  SEND A CHARACTER TO THE RS232 OR MODEM (WITH XON/XOFF)
      Entry Conditions: A = character
      Exit Conditions: None
86AD  SET BAUD RATE FOR RS232
      Entry Conditions: H has ASCII representation of baud rate
      (1-9,M)
      Exit Conditions: HL,DE,AF are altered
874A  DETECT CARRIER
      Entry Conditions: None
      Exit Conditions: A register equals 0 if carrier is detected
      Zero flag is set if carrier, reset otherwise
87D1  WRITE CASSETTE HEADER AND SYNC BYTE ONLY
      Entry Conditions: None
      Exit Conditions: None
87E6  WRITE CHARACTER TO CASSETTE (NO CHECKSUM)
      Entry Conditions: A has the character to be sent
      Exit Conditions: None
8810  READ CASSETTE HEADER AND SYNC BYTE ONLY
      Entry Conditions: None
      Exit Conditions: None
88B3  READ CHARACTER FROM CASSETTE (NO CHECKSUM)
      Entry Conditions: None
      Exit Conditions: D has the character
8B03  SCAN KEYBOARD FOR A KEY AND RETURN WITH OR WITHOUT ONE
      Entry Conditions: None
      Exit Conditions: A has character if any. Zero flag is set if
      no key found, reset if key found. Carry flag is set if special
      character, reset if normal character
      Special Characters: A = 0      F1
                          1        F2
                          2        F3
                          3        F4
                          4        F5
                          5        F6
                          6        F7
                          7        F8
                          8        LABEL
                          9        PRINT
                          0A       SHIFT/PRINT
                          0B       PASTE
8B4D  CHECK FOR BREAK CHARACTERS (CTRL C OR CTRL S)
      Entry Conditions: None
      Exit Conditions: Carry set if BREAK or PAUSE pressed,
      otherwise reset
8D76  TURN ON SCREEN PIXEL
      Entry Conditions: D = x coordinate (0-239), E = y coordinate
      (0-127)
      Exit Conditions: DE is destroyed
8D77  TURN OFF SCREEN PIXEL
      Entry Conditions: D = x coordinate (0-239), E = y coordinate
      (0-127)
      Exit Conditions: DE is destroyed
8D78  TURN ON OR OFF SCREEN PIXEL
      Entry Conditions: D = x coordinate (0-239), E = Y coordinate
      (0-127). A is on/off flag. If A=0, pixel will be turned off,
      otherwise on
      Exit Conditions: DE is destroyed
8BC0  MAKE TONE
      Entry Conditions: DE = frequency, B = duration
      Exit Conditions: AF is altered, B will equal 0
8D66  TURN ON RST 7.5 INTERRUPT
      Entry Conditions: None
      Exit Conditions: A is altered
8FA0  TURN OFF AND REARM RST 7.5 INTERRUPT
      Entry Conditions: None
      Exit Conditions: A is altered
8FAB  MAKE A BEEP
      Entry Conditions: None
      Exit Conditions: A is altered
8FC9  PULSE BUZZER
      Entry Conditions: None
      Exit Conditions: A is altered
9063  CHARACTER SET
      8 bytes each, extends to 9762
9763  KEYBOARD MATRIX
9AFD  PRINT BYTES FREE MESSAGE
      Entry Conditions: None
      Exit Conditions: All registers altered
9C4E  ' Bytes Free',0
9C5A  'TANDY 200 Software',CR,LF,'
      Copr. 1984 Microsoft',CR,LF,0
9F76  CR,'Calculator ',0
  
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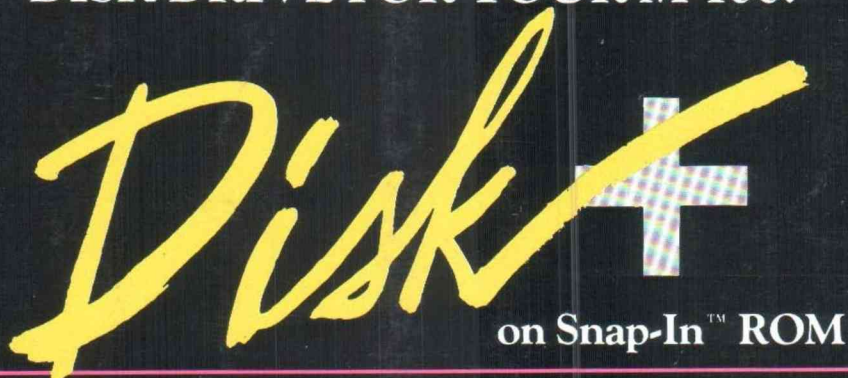
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Picture this. *Disk+* comes to you on a Snap-in ROM and a diskette for your desktop. You take a quarter and open the little compartment on the back of your Model 100. Then you just press the ROM into the socket. *Disk+* appears on your main menu just like a built-in.

You connect your Model 100 to your other computer using an RS232 cable (available from PCSG for \$40).

You just place the *Disk+* diskette into the desktop's drive and turn on the computer. It powers up automatically and says "awaiting command" on your desktop's screen. Then you just put the widebar cursor on the Model 100 main menu on *Disk+* and press ENTER. You are shown your RAM files arranged just like the main menu.

To save a file to your other system's disk drive, you just move the widebar cursor to the file you want to save and press ENTER. It is saved instantly with no further action.

To look at the disk directory, you just press a function key on your Model 100. You see immediately the disk directory on your Model 100 screen, and it is arranged just like your Model 100's main menu.

To load a file from the diskette to your Model 100, you just move the widebar cursor to the file and press ENTER. The file is transferred to your Model 100's RAM instantly. You can press F8 and go back to the main menu, and the file you loaded from diskette is there, ready to use.

It is so nice to be able to keep your documents, programs (both BASIC and machine code) and *Lucid* spreadsheet files on the diskette, and bring them back when you need them. All files are ready to run or use with no changes or protocol by you.

If you have access to a desktop computer and don't have *Disk+*, then evidently we have done a poor job telling you about it.

All files and programs that you load or save, go over and come back exactly as they are supposed to be because of full error checking. This guaranteed integrity is really a comfort. *Disk+* is wonderful in so many other ways. For example, you can do a "save all" of all your RAM files with just a touch of a function key. That group of files is saved on the diskette under a single filename with a .SD (for subdirectory) extension. Any time you want, you can bring back all those files at once, or just one or two if you like, again with one-button ease.

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This means you can write something on your Model 100, and with *Disk+* transfer it

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Disk+ works with just about every micro sold, from IBM PC and its clones, to all Radio Shack computers (yes, all), to Apple II, Kaypro, Epson and most CPM. Just ask us. More than likely, your computer is supported.

Incidentally, hundreds of Model 100 owners have gone to their Radio Shack stores and bought a color computer because it is so low priced, and with *Disk+* they have an inexpensive disk drive.

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